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Reagan 'furious' at Israel for attacking

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan was yesterday described as "furious" that Israel had advanced its troops into parts of West Beirut so quickly after he had appealed to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir against such action.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said that Reagan had sent a personal communication to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. He refused to release the full text of that message, but he said that the public White House announcement was a "summary" of it. He said the message also contained other points not mentioned in the public statement.

Kol Yisrael reported from Washington last night that Reagan's note to Begin demanded an immediate cessation of all Israeli military activity in West Beirut. The note reportedly said that if Israel did not comply, it would have grave repercussions on U.S.-Israel relations.

White House officials said they had seen the President "shaking his head in disgust" when he was informed that the latest cease-fire in Lebanon had been shattered.

Publicly, however, the Administration adopted a relatively restrained reaction. The U.S. once again stopped short of condemning Israel. No sanctions against Israel were announced, although officials privately insisted they were under consideration.

In a three-paragraph statement released by the White House following a meeting of his National

Security Council, the President said:

"Last night Israeli forces moved forward on several fronts from their cease-fire lines around Beirut. These movements were accompanied by heavy Israeli shelling and came only a day after I had made it clear to the Israeli government, in my meeting with Foreign Minister Shamir, that the U.S. placed great importance on the sustained maintenance of a cease-fire in place — to avoid further civilian casualties and to secure the prompt withdrawal of PLO forces in Beirut."

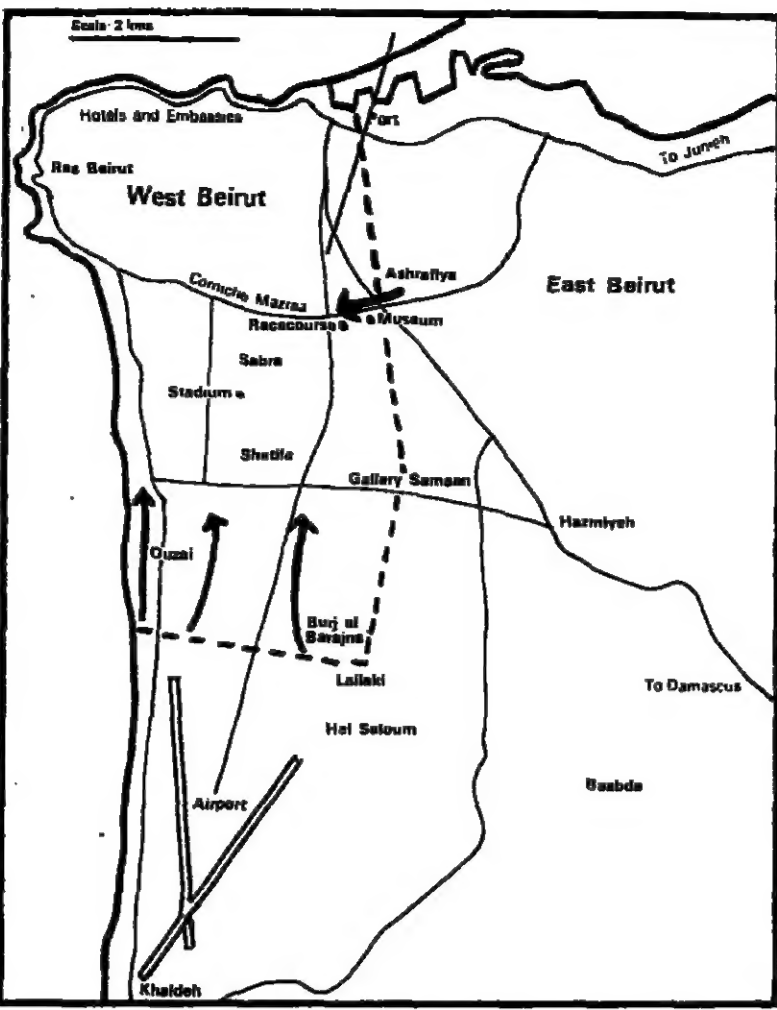
"This is a necessary first step toward our goal of restoring the authority of the government of Lebanon, a goal Ambassador Habib is earnestly working toward with the full cooperation of the government of Lebanon."

"Through governments which have direct contact with the PLO, I have expressed my strong conviction that the PLO must not delay further its withdrawal from Lebanon. At the same time, I have expressed to the government of Israel the absolute necessity of re-establishing and maintaining a strict cease-fire in place so that this matter can be promptly resolved."

The Administration's Special Situation Group, under the chairmanship of Vice-President George Bush, met for nearly two hours early yesterday morning before Reagan formally convened the National Security Council. Among those participating in both sessions were Secretary of State George Shultz.

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IDF armour, troops tighten ring round W. Beirut in day of heavy fighting



Arrows show Israel Defence Forces thrusts into West Beirut yesterday from siege line established Tuesday (dotted line). In the south, the Palestinian quarters of Ouzai and Burj al-Barajna were overrun and cut off from three sides. In a drive from the west along the Corniche Mazarra boulevard, the National Museum and the hippodrome racecourse were taken.

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Israeli forces yesterday pushed a little deeper into the area of West Beirut under PLO control, moving about 1.2 kilometres north and taking the strategically placed Museum Hill in the northeastern corner of the city. The attack started shortly after midnight Tuesday with sporadic but heavy fighting continuing late last night.

Sixty-four Israeli soldiers were wounded in the operation, four of them severely and eight moderately.

The Israel Defence Forces are now in total control of the Uzaï quarter, a Palestinian refugee camp on the coast. It also holds several positions that command the Burj al-Barajna refugee camp, which remains a major PLO stronghold.

In the northwest, Israeli infantry crossed the "Green line" that was the *de facto* border dividing Christian and Palestinian-controlled sectors of the city to a depth of several hundred metres, taking the hippodrome, Museum Hill, an empty Lebanese Army camp and several buildings — all of which overlook PLO positions in the densely wooded Beirut forest area — and the Fakhani quarter.

Most of the Israeli advance was made by infantry, backed by artillery and tanks, and by pin-point shelling from the sea against PLO targets along the coastal road in Uzaï.

The air force was called into action only at 5:30 p.m. yesterday against terrorist mortar, cannon and tank positions, which were putting up serious opposition. The aerial attack lasted for one and a half hours.

The IDF spokesman's office went out of its way yesterday to play down the military significance of yesterday's action and to stress that no attempt had been made to enter the city area of West Beirut or to divide the city.

The spokesman denied that there had been any Israeli attempt to land forces from the sea, that helicopters had been used or that there had been any large movement of Israeli tanks into the city.

He described the action as a "tactical improvement" of IDF positions, designed to neutralize the effectiveness of PLO rocket, artillery and tank fire on Israeli forces surrounding the city. The IDF's action, he said, came in response to the countless infractions of Sunday's cease-fire by the terrorists — infractions to which the IDF did not, for the most part, respond.

Yesterday's action, the spokesman concluded, was another step in tightening the stranglehold over the last remnants of the PLO in the city.

As in other stages of this war, yesterday's action initiated a flood of misinformation quoted from Beirut Radio and other sources. As one officer said, there was less military action on the ground than met the eye.

He said for example, that reports that Israel had moved south into West Beirut from the port area were false, even though the Christian-controlled port was the scene of heavy exchanges of fire between the sides.

In a statement describing the museum attack, the IDF spokesman "expressed regret at the fact that

foreign communications media are misleading the public with reports alleging that IDF forces have tried to divide the city of Beirut into its two parts." The spokesman further accused the foreign media of "fictitious operational descriptions."

In general, terrorist resistance to the IDF advance was light and disorganized. But it picked up momentum toward the afternoon.

Syrian artillery is known to have joined in the response to the Israeli attack, and thus became a target for Israeli artillery and aerial retaliation.

Uzaï was for the most part deserted — its occupants having left the area with Israel's move into the international airport on Sunday.

There was no real opposition to the Israeli advance west of the Burj al-Barajna camp either. The IDF having sidestepped the main terrorist defences there, taking up positions overlooking the huge camp.

The situation around the hippodrome and museum developed somewhat differently. The initial Israeli penetration was only about 300 metres, achieved stealthily at night.

In the morning, however, heavy fighting broke out between PLO forces in and around the museum building and the infantry forces that had taken up positions around the building during the night.

At 9 a.m. a huge explosion rocked the museum building as a PLO ammunition dump — thought to have been in the building itself — went up in flames, destroying most of the building.

As harassment of Israeli forces (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Begin explains policy to UJA visitors

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Reporter

Israel struck at West Beirut yesterday after the PLO broke the 10th cease-fire in the city. Prime Minister Menachem Begin told a group of American Jewish philanthropists at the Knesset last night. And when the Israel Defence Forces hit, "it hits hard against anyone who raises a hand against a Jewish child," he said.

Speaking to about 190 participants in the United Jewish Appeal's Prime Minister's Special Mission, Begin asserted that no civilians were hurt in the Israel Air Force strikes on the centre of Beirut on June 4, which followed the previous evening's attempted assassination by Arab gunmen of Israel's ambassador to London, Shlomo Argov.

Israel took the decision to enter Lebanon on the morning of Sunday June 6, the premier said, "only after the PLO shelled and rocketed 26 villages and towns in Galilee for three days and three nights and men, women and children suffered in suffocating heat in the shelters."

Explaining how the IDF reached Beirut although the original Operation Peace for Galilee aim was to drive only 40 kilometres

northwards, the prime minister asserted with firmness as "the absolute truth" that "we didn't intend to reach Beirut."

But after the Syrians accepted the cease-fire on Friday, June 11, the PLO continued to fire upon our troops, and Israel was faced with three choices: retreat, stand still and absorb the PLO fire, or counterattack and advance northwards. Naturally, said Begin, Israel chose the third alternative, and so the IDF reached the gates of Beirut.

Comparisons of the PLO to the Nazis ran like a *leitmotif* throughout Begin's speech.

He related that on Thursday, June 10, he received a message from U.S. President Ronald Reagan asking Israel to stop shooting. Begin said that at the time, the terrorists were still 18 km. from Metulla, within range of Israeli settlements. So Begin "explained" to Reagan that the IDF could not yet stop. On Friday, June 11, the IDF reached the 40-45 km. goal and called a halt, said the premier.

Begin predicted that the crisis in Beirut would soon be over and afterwards, we "may have peace for a historic period of time."

He said that after peace comes to (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Beirut engulfed by the fiercest fighting yet

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Fighting continued into the night yesterday following what reports from Beirut describe as "the most savage Israeli attack" on the Lebanese capital in the 61-day-old invasion.

Large areas of West Beirut came under artillery and, towards evening, aerial attack as Israel Defence Forces troops reportedly closed in on the besieged PLO from three directions — from the vicinity of the airport in the south, from the port in the north, and from the Lebanese National Museum in the east.

Reports of casualties were unclear, with the American University Hospital alone reporting 55 dead and 200 wounded. The Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon radio put civilian casualties at some 300 dead and wounded. Figures were expected to rise considerably, however.

Yesterday's action, which was at first seen as the start of Israel's long-anticipated final onslaught on the PLO's last holdout in the besieged capital, began shortly after midnight yesterday.

Lebanese security sources are quoted as saying that separate columns of Israeli tanks advanced at three points into the Palestinian-controlled sector, under cover of heavy naval and artillery barrages.

But by morning, it was becoming clear to most observers in the capital that Israel was holding back from a final onslaught on the PLO.

The Israeli advance through the National Museum crossing point on the "Green Line" dividing the Muslim and Christian halves of the city did not, eyewitnesses reported, get very far, reaching only as far as the Military Tribunal Building — a distance of less than 100 metres.

Radio Beirut reported earlier in the day that the Israeli force had advanced half a kilometre beyond the museum, through the nearby hippodrome, to a point less than two kilometres from the main PLO headquarters in the Fakhani quarter.

Photographers are quoted as saying they saw three Israeli tanks burning near the Tribunal Building.

The thrust from the port area in (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

East Beirut silent amid the shellfire

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIRUT. — The usually crowded streets of this city's eastern sector were dead silent yesterday except for occasional explosions of artillery shells and the wailing of ambulances and fire trucks.

When the shells did land, even the roadblocks — where cars formed long queues five abreast — were deserted as soldiers, militia and policemen took cover.

One of the few Beirutis who worked yesterday was Nasr Samir, who runs an auto-parts store. Its entrance was protected by a stone wall topped by sand bags.

Several shells fell near the shop in Rue de la Damak, which passes Galerie Samam to the museum crossing point. One mortar shell came crashing through a second-storey porch in the adjacent house, littering the main road with stones and black fragments. Nasr said he believed he had heard 10 volleys of three shells each and that one person in a nearby building was killed.

The fighting at the museum crossing point began at 2 a.m. yesterday. A Lebanese lawyer who would agree to be identified only by his Christian name — Charles — said he saw the Israeli armour take positions between 10 p.m. and midnight and began pushing towards the hippodrome and nearby PLO positions on the way to Berbir Hospital two hours later.

Charles, who had been trained at Lebanon's Military College until the civil war began, said he watched the battle from nearby Tayuni at 10 a.m. He said he saw Merkava tanks and armoured personnel carriers moving at the PLO blazing away. The PLO withdrew its two tanks to a wooded spot under the Israeli pressure.

One shell fell just outside the Israel Defence Forces position and fragments cut through an iron door. A soldier said almost all of them were hit by fragments in the face and hands, but the doctor said the wounds were only light.

Across the street, Lebanese policemen in red berets spent the day in a corridor behind a sand bag. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

NEWS ANALYSIS/Hirsh Goodman The fate of West Beirut now depends on PLO

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Israel's further penetration into West Beirut yesterday could be the last such advance. It is up to the PLO.

Israel did not take much territory yesterday. Psychologically and topographically, however, it gained much.

The Israel Defence Forces shattered the illusion of a sacrosanct Green Line dividing the eastern and western parts of the city in the northeast. The IDF now enjoys topographical advantage in the southeast and southwest, overlooking the main terrorist strongholds in Burj al-Barajna in the east, and Sabra, Shatila and Fakhani in the north.

The advance was limited, but it curtailed the area of PLO control by making vulnerable positions that previously had been relatively safe.

Military logic alone did not dictate yesterday's move. It must be seen primarily in the context of Israel's race against the deployment of an international force in West Beirut, which would cushion the terrorists from direct Israeli military action should they continue in their refusal to leave the city.

The latest moves in the UN, coupled with growing American readiness for the deployment of outside forces before the terrorists begin to withdraw, were major factors in the decision to attack.

It is ironic that international moves designed to forestall Israeli action in West Beirut in fact made such action inevitable.

There are no credible figures available on PLO and Syrian casualties this past week, but the terrorists have been seriously weakened. Many artillery positions have been destroyed; and tanks have been destroyed and tons of irreplaceable ammunition have been blown-up.

There are also clear signs of fighting among the various PLO factions — increasing in direct correlation to intensified Israeli military pressure and the growing realization that the international pressure the terrorists had counted on to restrain Israel had been over-rated.

Cabinet ministers confused over Sharon plan approval

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Confusion reigned last night among a number of cabinet ministers as to whether the operations in and around West Beirut should have required a special cabinet decision. Some ministers were surprised that the cabinet had not been called into session, as it had been almost daily when heavy fighting raged in the first week of the campaign.

The Jerusalem Post found three persons who attended last Sunday's cabinet meeting, who each have a different interpretation of the proceedings. This is likely to cause recriminations when the cabinet meets again — perhaps tonight —

and the full scale of yesterday's action is clearer.

One of the three said: "Ariel Sharon would never dare capture the Ouzai camp." That was yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon, the capture of Ouzai was officially announced.

However, another told *The Post* that the action on the ground reflected a cabinet decision taken more than a fortnight ago, which passed by a majority of 10 to eight. (The names of the ministers in either camp have already been pointed in one newspaper at least.)

Defence Minister Ariel Sharon had argued during several successive cabinet meetings that West

PLO drops some conditions on timing of Beirut withdrawal

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Israel's latest military action in Beirut appears to have induced the trapped PLO leadership to drop a number of the key conditions it has been placing on its withdrawal, according to reports coming out of the Lebanese capital last night.

One unidentified PLO source is quoted as telling UPI that the organization yesterday submitted to U.S. envoy Philip Habib, through Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan, a four-point plan designed to end the Israeli siege.

According to this source, the PLO has now dropped its demand that an international force be placed between it and the Israel

Defence Forces before it begins withdrawing. It now agrees that the force be deployed simultaneously with its pullout.

It reportedly has also dropped its demand that Israel pull back its forces from Beirut before the evacuation begins.

The four-point plan, submitted to Habib in Ba'abda yesterday, at the height of the Israeli bombardment, called for deployment of a peace-keeping force simultaneously with the PLO withdrawal; permission for the PLO fighters to leave with their personal weapons (a point conceded by Israel several weeks ago); U.S. guarantees to safeguard their withdrawal; and permission to exit by the main Beirut-Damascus (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Egypt: Camp David crucial for Palestinians

CAIRO. — Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali revealed yesterday that Egypt's ambassador to Israel was in Cairo for consultations, but he did not characterize the return of Saad Mortada as a protest against Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Asked if Egypt would sever relations with Israel or recall its ambassador if Israel attacked Beirut, Ali said he did not wish to go into details and added that relations would be affected in different ways.

A government spokesman here yesterday reminded the Palestinians that the Camp David agreements were the best guarantee of their right to self-determination.

The spokesman rejected remarks by PLO chief Yasser Arafat's deputy, Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), calling on Egypt to renounce the Camp David accords.

"When Khalaf urges Egypt to abrogate the Camp David agreements, he forgets that they are the sole guarantee by means of which the Palestinian people can exercise their right to self-determination," the unidentified spokesman said. (AP, UPI)

David Landau adds:

In Jerusalem, senior Israeli officials said Mortada left for home a week ago, saying he was going on vacation. There was no hint that he was being recalled for consultations as a diplomatic demonstration of displeasure over the Lebanon war.

The officials conceded that they were worried about the drift of Israel-Egyptian relations during the war, with a marked deterioration discernible of late.

U.S. veto of UN resolution hoped for

By LEON HADAR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — Israeli officials here expressed optimism yesterday that the U.S. will veto a Security Council resolution, sponsored by Spain and Jordan, which includes an implied threat of sanctions against Israel if the latter does not comply with the resolution.

It calls for the prompt withdrawal of Israeli troops from the areas they have entered since Sunday's Security Council resolution.

The latest resolution also sets a three-hour deadline for its implementation and says that if Israel does not comply, the Council will be asked to consider "adopting effective ways and means" in accordance with the UN Charter, an implied reference to the possible

imposition of sanctions.

Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Yehuda Blum, attacked the Soviet Union in his address to the Council during the debate on the Spanish-Jordanian resolution. He said that the PLO "terrorists are but a stooge in the hands of the Soviet Union" and are being exploited by Moscow in different parts of the world. He also said that UN observers should be deployed in Soviet-occupied Afghanistan.

The Soviet representative told the Council yesterday that Israel by its actions in Lebanon was "putting itself beyond the bounds of the international community."

The Egyptian representative told the Council that "we in Egypt wonder what kind of peace could come out" of the Israeli policies in Lebanon. (Early story — Page 3)

Prices of basic items up

Another round of government-decreed price increases went into effect at midnight yesterday. Milk and its products went up by 36 per cent, public transportation fares and telephone charges by 25 per cent, and bread, edible oil, margarine, meat, frozen chicken and eggs by 15 per cent.

In addition, Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman has asked the Knesset Finance Committee to approve a 15 per cent increase in electricity rates, following the rise in fuel prices last week.

Last night's price increases, decided upon by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, are intended to help

finance the cost of the war in Lebanon by saving the Treasury IS1.34 billion in subsidies. Treasury sources estimate that the price hikes will lead to a 3 per cent rise in the consumer price index.

The money saved by these price increases will be allocated to the Defence Ministry, after approval by the Knesset Finance Committee.

With these price increases, the subsidy for milk and its products has been reduced to 25-30 per cent of the price to the consumer. The Treasury intends to keep the subsidy at that level — which means that in future, prices will be raised (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Lebanese roulette

in tomorrow's Weekend Edition of THE JERUSALEM POST

Joan Borsten and Hesh Kestin report on two separate slices of Lebanese life under the gun, from East Beirut and Broumana.

David Bernstein discovers how the PLO ran an economic empire in South Lebanon.

Mark Segal gets some interim assessments from Danny Rosolio, head of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee's Lebanese sub-panel.

Joyce Starr talks to Stephen Rosenfeld of The Washington Post about Reagan Administration attitudes on Lebanon.

And More. Ovadia Danon discusses the South Lebanese Shi'a population. Yosef Goel meets some pro-Israeli Arabs in the U.S. Dan Feinman sees how Werner Rainer Fassbinder applied the tarish to a familiar angel. Yohanan Boehm looks at the history of the Israel Festival. David Krivine learns about Ezer Weizman's newest business venture. Dora Sowden pays a tribute to an Israeli ethnologist. Haim Shapiro eats fish on the waterfront. Arthur J. Goldberg speaks out on the Lebanese crisis.

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PLO man freed after reunion with Israeli

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NABATIYA. — For several long moments yesterday, PLO company commander Abu Sital and Israeli paratrooper Efraim Talbi embraced in the Ansar prison camp north of here.

Then, Abu Sital was set free, in a special gesture by Israel Defence Forces authorities and as a reward for his treatment of Talbi, after the latter was taken prisoner in the early days of Operation Peace for Galilee.

On Tuesday, June 8, Talbi was wounded in the hand by terrorist fire and became separated from his unit as it continued advancing. Abu Sital commanded the unit that captured him and saw to it that he received medical care and was not mistreated.

"He was all right," Talbi related. "He was humane. He brought me food and sneaked cigarettes to me, hiding them in his socks, so the others wouldn't see. He helped feed me when I couldn't move my wounded

hand."

Talbi was kept prisoner for nine days as the PLO unit kept on the move night and day in order to avoid IDF troops. On the ninth day, the band was discovered near the Ein Hilwe refugee camp by an IDF patrol, which was about to open fire when Talbi yelled out: "Don't fire. I'm an Israeli soldier."

The terrorists left Talbi and tried to escape, but surrendered after a brief exchange of fire when they realized they were outgunned.

Before being taken to an IDF field hospital for treatment, Talbi asked to see the PLO unit that had kept him captive. At that time, he told Abu Sital not to be afraid, gave him cigarettes and said goodbye.

At yesterday's meeting, Talbi told Abu Sital: "You treated me like a father treats his son. Thank you." They talked for a while, exchanging reminiscences, and parted — Talbi to go to a medical-rehabilitation centre and Abu Sital to return to his family in Sidon.

Justice team draft news-media law

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim yesterday appointed a "senior team" from his office to implement the recommendations of the Bechor committee on news-media reporting of police investigations. He requested that they give top priority to proposing a draft bill based on the recommendations.

The committee, headed by former Supreme Court Justice David Bechor, submitted its report on Tuesday. The report proposes legislation regarding the public's right to know as opposed to the individual's right to privacy and good name.

The report also recommends that the police be prohibited from giving information about suspects or investigations before the suspects appear in court, and that Knesset Members be prohibited from publicizing parliamentary questions before they have been approved for discussion in the House. Journalists who report these matters should be liable to prosecution, the report recommends.

MK queries Landau appointment as Shekem head

Jerusalem Post Staff

MK Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment-Labour) yesterday tabled a parliamentary question to Finance Minister Yoram Aridor concerning the recent appointment of Eli Landau, as head of the Shekem chain of stores for defence establishment personnel. Landau, a former journalist, was Ariel Sharon's aide when the latter was agriculture minister.

Katz-Oz asks whether Landau's appointment should not be reconsidered, in view of press reports of his convictions on glory charges and his inclusion on the Likud Knesset slate. Landau was fined and given a suspended sentence for illegal possession of two submachine guns in 1971 and was acquitted in 1972 of charges in connection with the theft of IL160,000 worth of pesticides.

Farm planners boost Negev seafood industry

The breeding of shrimps, oysters, fish and edible seaweed may become major industries in the northern Negev by the end of the century, agronomists, planners and area farmers will hear today at a symposium being organized by the David Foundation at Kibbutz Mefalim.

The sea produce would be raised in salt-water ponds along the route of the Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal, now in advanced planning stages. These and other ideas will be presented at the symposium by World Zionist Organization settlement department head Ra'anan Weitz and Jewish National Fund land development director Haim Tsaban.

186 Jews departed Soviet Union in July

GENEVA (UPI). — Soviet authorities permitted only 186 Jews to emigrate in July, the Intergovernmental Committee for Migration (ICM) reported here yesterday.

The July figure was just four higher than the 182 Soviet Jews allowed to leave in June, which in turn was the lowest monthly total so far this year, the ICM said.

Haifa dustmen back to work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Haifa's 500 garbage collectors, who have been on strike for nine days, are due to return to work today after the works committee decided last night to end the strike.

A committee spokesman said they hope to remove the accumulated rubbish within a few days. He added they would continue to oppose the appointment of Yitzhak Korchak as head of the new department created by the merger of the refuse and street-cleaning section with the garage department.

Begin tells Olmert he might still get information post

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin told Likud MK Ehud Olmert on Tuesday night that he has not given up on the notion of appointing him deputy minister in charge of information. The plan has not been implemented due to stiff opposition from Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Begin assured Olmert that he would take the matter up with Shamir again on the latter's return from the U.S.

Olmert was to have been appointed a deputy minister in the prime minister's office responsible for information. The foreign ministry is traditionally responsible for Israel's information efforts

abroad and has always opposed any attempt to take responsibility for information away from it.

Shamir's opposition has been so firm that some Likud sources say he told Begin that the choice would have to be "between myself and Olmert." Shamir further argues that he already has a deputy, Yehuda Ben Meir, who can attend to information matters whenever necessary.

Sources close to Begin say that the way out of the impasse might be to convince Shamir that Olmert would "not step on foreign ministry toes," and would only deal with overseas information indirectly — through the Government Press Office, for example, which in any event is under the jurisdiction of the Prime Minister's office.

Security Council expresses 'concern'

By LEON HADAR

UNITED NATIONS. — The UN Security Council early yesterday morning expressed "serious concern" at the prevailing "high state of tension" and at reports of military movement and continued outbreaks of firing and shelling in and around Beirut. The body considered it "vital" that last Sunday's cease-fire resolution be fully implemented.

The Security Council move came after UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar blamed Israel Tuesday afternoon for delaying the deployment of observers in West Beirut. He warned that the situation in Beirut remains "unstable and precarious."

The latest statement simply called on all parties in Lebanon to "cooperate fully" in placing the observers in Beirut. American pressure kept the statement from singling out Israel, as the secretary-general's report did, as responsible for blocking his efforts. But the statement lacked the weight of a resolution.

Following adoption of the statement shortly after midnight, the Soviet Union, in an open debate accused the Israeli "war machine" of undertaking a "massive attack" on West Beirut. Israeli Ambassador, Yehuda Blum, denied the charge. American representative Carl Gershman also rejected the Soviet statement, and said that his country continues to seek a peaceful resolution of the crisis.

UN Beirut observers ready to go

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The United Nations headquarters staff in Jerusalem have contingency plans ready to put a force of 60 UN observers into Beirut if the cabinet decides at its meeting today to cooperate with the Security Council's decision earlier in the week to send observers to the Lebanese capital.

The force, to be named Observer Group Beirut (OGB), will be commanded by a French officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Pierre Latourneur, directly responsible to the commander of UN forces in Lebanon, Major-General Emmanuel Erskine of Ghana.

Lt.-Col. Latourneur, now in Beirut, has considerable experience there and since the shooting in Beirut began in June, has been filing daily reports with the help of the

nine observers under his command, a senior UN official in Jerusalem told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The other 50 observers required for the OGB will come mainly from those living in Nahariya (who were prevented by the Israel Defence Forces from travelling to Beirut this week) and partly from personnel now in Egypt and Syria.

The 10 observers who have been in Beirut throughout, used to operate from the west side, but moved to the east when hostilities spread. They set up base in a Lebanese Army installation.

A senior UN official said in Jerusalem that "with the right cooperation," the OGB could start doing "a reasonable job" within 12 hours of Israeli cabinet approval, and could be "fully operational" within 24 hours.

Sapper returns to life after burial alive

An Israeli Defence Forces demolition expert who was unconscious since being buried alive two weeks ago while trying to dismantle a Katyusha rocket has regained consciousness and is recovering at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Medical Centre in Ein Kerem.

Meir Dotan, 36, a sapper (lieutenant) in the reserves, was one of scores of sappers called out when a huge store of captured terrorist munitions caught fire and exploded at an IDF dump at the Golan Junction in Gaililee. Hundreds of shells and Katyusha rockets were set off by the blaze, many of them landing — unexploded but live — in nearby fields.

Two days after the dump exploded, Dotan and his team were preparing to disarm a Katyusha rocket that had hit a plowed field near Kfar Arbel and buried itself nearly four metres deep. Dotan was standing in a pit carefully excavated around the rocket when the earth

caved in around him, burying him under a metre and a half of freshly dug earth.

One of his comrades immediately began digging with the team's tractor, while another ran for medical help — but 10 minutes passed before his rescuers could reach the unconscious Dotan's head and try to revive him.

Dotan was treated at Porija Hospital near Tiberias and then flown to Hadassah, where he lingered unconscious for 36 hours before showing any sign of recovery. The long minutes without oxygen had caused partial paralysis of his right hand and leg, but Dotan finally regained consciousness.

His doctors described his recovery as "extraordinarily rare." Dotan, a teacher of mechanics at the Orit school in Ramat Gan, whose wife, five months pregnant, sat waiting nearly two weeks for him to awaken, said: "I've been granted life again."

Court orders autopsy on Bnei Brak man

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An autopsy can now be performed on the body of Yosef Danker, 37, the Bnei Brak man who died last week after being hit in a fistfight with three local yeshiva students, a magistrates court judge ruled yesterday. The judge accepted

expert testimony that the cause of death could not be determined without an autopsy.

Earlier this week, the court granted a request by Danker's relatives to bar an autopsy on religious grounds. The district attorney then resubmitted the autopsy request.

Police are holding three Bnei Brak teenagers in connection with the killing. They reportedly told investigators that while they were trying to persuade Danker to stop courting a local widow, he slipped and cracked his skull on the pavement.

WEAPONS. — The Israel Defence Forces have begun returning to Druse in Southern Lebanon the personal weapons confiscated from them at the start of the war.

High-schoolers to help on IDF bases

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Education and Culture Ministry plans to mobilize about 15,000 high school pupils each week during the coming school year to work in Israel Defence Forces storehouses and supply bases in place of reservists.

The programme was announced yesterday as Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer, Gadna commander Aluf-Mishne Moshe Sharir and deputy chief of logistics Tac-Aluf Moshe Sadeh toured the ministry's summer youth programmes.

The programme will encompass pupils in grades 9-11, who will be asked to volunteer for a week of simple maintenance tasks. They will be housed in five camps near IDF bases, where they will also be given lectures and tours of historical and natural attractions in the area.

The ministry spokesman said that since the war in Lebanon began, youth organized through the ministry have contributed 25,000 work days to the IDF. IDF officers told Hammer during the tour that the quality and quantity of the work done by the volunteers is about the same as done by reservists.

More income tax from wage earners

Post Economic Reporter

Wage earners' contribution to total income tax collection has risen from 39.2 per cent in 1978 to 44.4 per cent in 1981, while that of the self-employed declined from 14.2 to 11.5 per cent, according to the Histadrut's department for social and economic research, based on Bank of Israel data.

Income tax collected on wages rose in 1979 by 24 per cent, in real terms, followed by a 16 per cent increase in 1980. In 1981, when the tax brackets were adjusted for inflation to reduce the tax burden on wage earners, income tax collected from them still went up by 6 per cent in real terms.

At the same, 1981 saw a sharp increase in national-insurance fees — 16 per cent.

Arkia pilots continue flights to Europe

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The grounding of Arkia flights abroad by the airline's pilots was averted yesterday when the Histadrut's Trade Union department head Yisrael Kessar suggested a way to solve the week-long dispute between the pilots and management.

The pilots had threatened to ground flights to Europe after Arkia began operating a Maof plane from Ben-Gurion Airport to Eilat yesterday.

Kessar suggested that management take back the 21 dismissal notices sent to pilots, the pilots return to regular work and the two sides continue negotiations for a month.

The dismissal notices and management's intention to transfer eight other pilots to ground jobs sparked the pilots' sanctions that led to management grounding all of the airline's domestic flights seven days ago.

The pilots accepted Kessar's suggestion and agreed not to stop the flights to Europe at this stage. The pilots and management agreed to continue their talks tomorrow.

Syrian POWs: Israel beat us to the punch

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Syrian prisoners in Israel have told their interrogators that Syria and the PLO had agreed to attack Israel, but that they were pre-empted by Operation Peace for Galilee.

The Israeli invasion of Lebanon surprised the Syrian forces there, they said. "We knew that Israel was planning something, but we didn't know that the Israelis would also be fighting against us," they said.

The prisoners added that the Syrians knew of every terrorist attack against Israel before it took place.

They also said they were pleased to hear of the capture of Israelis because they believed that in the prisoner exchange they would be released.

The prisoners also said they are receiving fair treatment in captivity and that a Red Cross representative has visited them several times.

Court: B-G shops may stay open on Sabbath

The High Court of Justice yesterday ordered the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry to grant a Sabbath work permit to Ishkar, the company that operates duty-free shops at Ben-Gurion Airport on the Sabbath.

The court decided this in a 2-1 decision making absolute an order nisi submitted by the company in 1978.

In the reasoned judgement, Moshe Landau, who has since retired as court president, held the authorities to be delinquent in their decision-making process and also gave substantive reasons for granting Ishkar's request.

Justice Shoshana Netanyahu concurred with Landau.

Justice Menahem Elon dissented.



The youth wing of the Israel Museum is having a "feelle" exhibit — visitors are invited to touch the exhibits. In this photo, gloves on display. (Rahamim Israeli)

IS142 million pledged in Libitrom event

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority was "overjoyed and overwhelmed" yesterday by the IS142 million in pledges to the Libitrom telethon for the Israel Defence Fund, which ended before dawn.

"We announced that we'd like a minimum of \$1 million, and we hoped for \$2 million, but we never dreamed of \$5 million," Broadcasting Authority Director Yosef Lapid said yesterday. The nearly \$6 million raised will go to promote education for soldiers who had to stop their schooling early in life, the development of means of fighting and protection of soldiers in the field, and expanded training programmes.

The largest sum — IS10 million — was donated by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim on behalf of the ministerial committee on bequests. That was followed by the works committee of Bank Leumi (IS7 million);

the works committee of the Military Industries (IS5 million); the employees of the Electric Corporation (IS4.5 million); and the Yochved and A.Z. Cohen Foundation (IS4 million).

More than 44,000 individual contributions were pledged in telephone calls to centres set up by the authority. Every person who pledged a donation will soon receive a bill-reminder to the bank for payment.

IS14.4 million were raised in the public auction of art and Judaica in Asia House in Tel Aviv.

Residents of Southern Lebanon, who have been collecting for two weeks, pledged IS490,000 to the defence fund telethon.

Three soldiers wounded in the fighting in Lebanon, who were present at the Jerusalem Theatre entertainment event on Tuesday night, contributed IS1,700. A Mrs. Bilon of Nahariya, who has 17 children — eight of them in the Defence Forces — announced that she was giving IS10,000.

Sharon said out to purge Army Radio

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Zvi Shapira, the director of Galei Zahal, the army radio station, is due to meet Defence Minister Ariel Sharon on Sunday to discuss the alleged atmosphere of tension and suspicion resulting from the Defence Ministry's intervention in station policy, a Galei Zahal source said yesterday.

Israel Defence Forces sources said yesterday that Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan is not conducting any investigation on the basis of complaints sent to him by two Galei Zahal workers. The two, who attended a meeting of senior station workers with Eitan, raised a series of complaints against certain

workers and programmes. Eitan asked them to send him their grievances in writing, station sources said.

Sharon ordered the station to stop using Dan Shilon and Ariel Cohen, who did their army reserve duty on the station. Sharon has reportedly tried to dismiss the popular morning-programme host and author Yitzhak Ben-Ner several times. The three allegedly incurred Sharon's displeasure by their political statements and actions. Ben-Ner retained his position only due to Eitan's intervention, station workers said.

Next on the list to be fired, workers say, are director Shapira and his deputy, Elon Shalev. The latter two refuse to comment on these reports.

Lebanese strongman visits Israel

By YOEL DAR

Jerusalem Post Reporter

USFIA. — Shakhb Amashe, known as "Samson of the Arabs," arrived this week from Hasbaya in South Lebanon to visit his brother in this village, on Mount Carmel.

Amashe is renowned for his physical feats, which include swallowing glasses, lifting people with his teeth, stopping speeding cars, hammering nails into walls with his hands and putting a three-ton stone on his stomach.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he intends to give a special performance in Israel soon.

Amashe, 35, discovered his abilities at the age of seven. He has

participated in dozens of international contests and won many awards.

Like the original Samson, Amashe does not cut his hair, but in his case, his hair is not the secret of his strength — he uses it for dragging parked cars.

Amashe said he was very happy to be in Israel and see his brother who left Lebanon in 1948 to take part in the War of Independence.

Smelly J'lem factory must stop making drug

By ISRAEL AMRANI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Complaints by neighbours about bad odours around the Teva factory in Jerusalem yesterday prompted the Health Ministry to order the factory to stop producing the "Biofoal" drug until anti-pollution measures are taken.

The order was issued after the ministry's Jerusalem district physician, Yehoshua Stark, learned that the odours were caused by a malfunction in the refining unit on the production line.

Teva plant director Ehud Geller told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he had not yet heard about the order. He said the plant installed a "significant" air and odour filtering system, which malfunctioned once last week.

The ministry yesterday also ordered a pickle factory in Carmiel to install a system for carrying brines to the Mediterranean. Brines originating from the factory have infiltrated Carmiel's sewage water, which is used for irrigation in the area after being purified.

SHAH. — The widow of the late shah of Iran, former empress Farah Diba, has decided to redecorate his burial place in the Rifai mosque in Cairo, and mark it with a silver-trimmed marble tombstone imported from Italy.

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HAVING A vehicle mobilized by the IDF for almost a month and being forced to use public transport is enough to make anyone feel off colour, but being showered with stories how the army will wreck the van is enough to drive one up the wall.

The thought that the car is off "serving the war effort" provides only a slight compensatory feeling. Though criticizing the army during a war should be strictly off limits, it isn't, and as one reservist told me, "Don't feel bad. The state comptroller has set a firm precedent. If anything, your criticism may save a life. Courage is not enough to win a war — it takes the best equipment maintained in the best possible condition. Do you remember that fable that for want of a nail a kingdom was lost?"

(Before proceeding, let me deal with another question people ask when I talk about the vehicle I own. Why should anyone use a Ford Transit as a "private car," people wonder, noting to a man how much petrol it burns. My answer, already given a few hundred times, is simple: no matter how much petrol costs, Israeli garages will always charge more for repairs. It is cheaper to buy petrol than repairs, and if treated at all decently, a truck requires much less repairs.)

As for disheartening stories, about how the army might treat my pick-up truck, another reservist, on active duty, said quite frankly: "Pray that a reservist will drive it, for we do make an effort to take care of a mobilized vehicle. After all, we do know that it may be the means of livelihood of the owner. But the regular army drivers? They take out all their frustrations on a civilian car. And the further they are from the front, the more vicious they treat equipment. If they can't fight the enemy, they make civilian equipment their enemy." He showed me a checklist on the army form for demobilizing a car. "Can be driven away; must be towed away; must be lifted up and carted away."

When the car goes off to war

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter



WITH SUCH things in mind, it did not help overhearing, when reclaiming my vehicle, the following: "I just didn't bring enough money with me to pay for the tow-truck."

The reservist on duty seemed to have adopted a famous saying: "Smile — the customer is always right." They handed me a piece of paper, with a smile, and said, with a smile, "Go out and check over your car, and tell us what is smashed, damaged or missing. You're lucky, it was driven only 3,000 km."

What first struck my eye was that the gas tank cap had been replaced with a new one — a pleasant surprise. My impression was that the army loses these caps; nine years ago they returned to me a gas tank closed with a thick wad of gas-

soaked cloth. Anyone careless with a match could have blown himself up.

This time a small fire extinguisher and one windshield wiper were missing. There was an army battery in the car; and the exhaust was badly damaged.

While the mildly disturbed owner pointed these items out, the army driver tested the motor, the gears and the brakes — all of which seemed to function satisfactorily.

"We'll give you \$1,000 for greasing and oiling the car (about what it costs); \$560 for a new fire extinguisher (it cost \$170 to replace); and \$150 for the windshield wiper (it will cost about twice that much). We can't pay you anything for the exhaust — it was badly eaten up anyway and would have had to be replaced regardless of the damage. As for the battery, yours was almost three years old, so you would have to buy a new one anyway. We'll contribute \$400 towards a new one, but you'll have to return the army one."

A new battery at a nearby garage cost \$2,253, but \$234 of this sum was a "deposit" since the customer failed to turn in the old one. So back to the army to ask them to increase their "contribution." Without much of an argument, they added another \$200 (for a total of \$600) towards the cost of the new battery.

The only real argument arose my demand for a receipt for the army battery. "The IDF does not issue receipts when it receives its own property back."

The army pays \$189 a day — less 20 per cent tax deducted at source — for the use of this type of vehicle. This comes out to \$7.56 a day, or \$6.04 a day net.

Cleaning up the car the next day, its owner found other things that had been overlooked: the steering wheel cover and the knob from one back window were missing; the front light bulb was burned out.

Small things, admittedly, especially since the army left 15 live Uzi bullets scattered around in odd corners of the vehicle.

Surprised by Israel

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

IF THE first black president of the U.S. comes from Houston, then the chances are that he or she will have visited Israel.

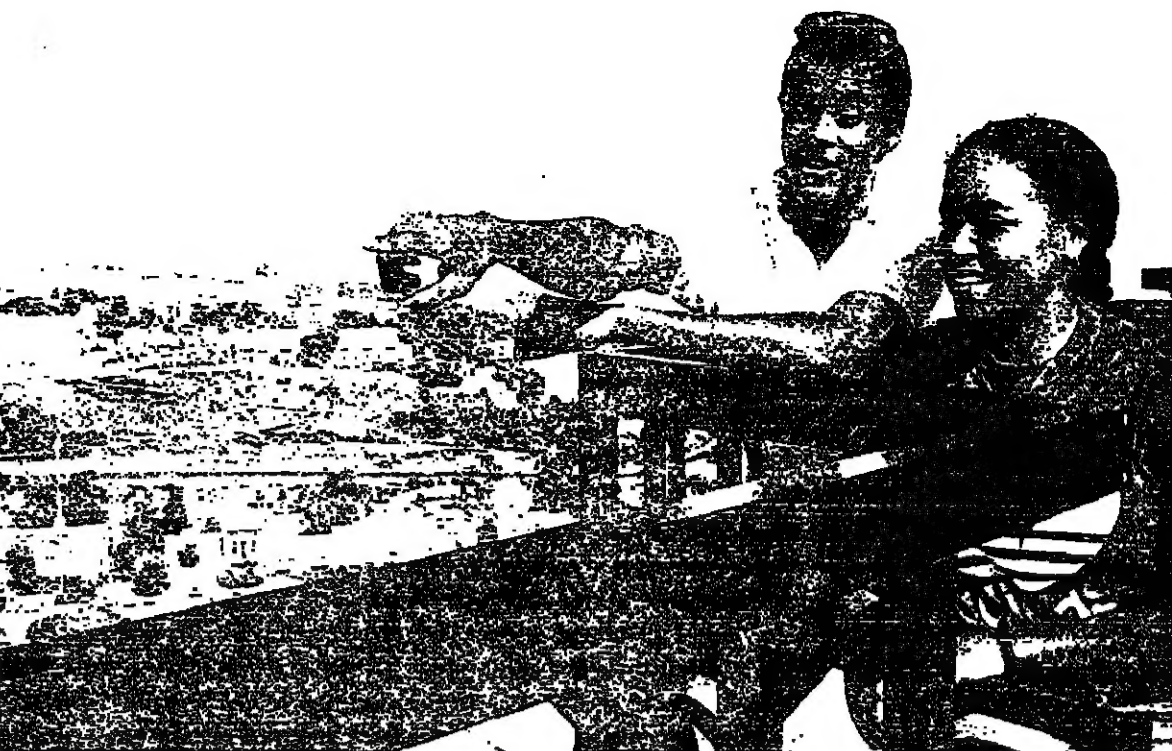
At least that is the impression one gets when meeting a group of 10 black youngsters from the Texas city who are visiting Israel on a six-week tour arranged by their local congressman, Mickey Leland. A leader of American blacks, Leland is prominent in his support of Israel.

The group were selected from some 300 applicants recommended by their local schools. Out of 20 who were later interviewed, half were chosen.

Officially known as the Mickey Leland Kibbutz Internship Programme, it accepts youngsters just before their senior year of high school. In addition to their stay at Kibbutz Yehel in the Negev, they also visited families in Haifa and spent some time touring the country. While in Jerusalem, they met with representatives of the ADL, which helped arrange their visit.

For most, the greatest shock was the kibbutz itself, an experience intensified by the fact that they went there directly from Ben-Gurion Airport, arriving in the middle of the night. Unable to sleep, many of them sat on the lawn, talking until dawn. Their first real glimpse of the country was the sun rising over the mountains of Eilat. Some of them had never seen mountains before. The only hills around Houston are man-made.

As for the kibbutz itself, the thing that surprised them most was that it worked, with everyone cooperating



Victor Perry and Jessica Jones of Houston get a panoramic look at Jerusalem

(Richard Nowitz)

and pulling together. They were quickly drawn into the feeling of belonging, and after a short time found themselves explaining how things worked to another incoming group.

They say that they were not personally concerned about the war in Lebanon, but their parents and friends were. Most of the youth had followed the news from Israel ever since they were chosen for the programme last winter, and they were able to understand that Israel itself was not under fire. Other people however, had a general impression that they were going into a dangerous situation.

"You must be crazy," a friend told one of the girls.

In fact, they said, they felt "thou-

sands of times safer" in Israel than they do in Houston, which is rife with violence. In Israel, they said, they felt comfortable walking the streets or riding in public buses without worrying as they do in the U.S., about being mugged.

"Somebody got stabbed in Bethlehem and they made a big deal out of it," one said, adding that such murders are commonplace in the U.S.

Nor, they said, was there much awareness in the U.S. of the reasons Israel went into Lebanon. "I don't know if the U.S. media really wants to be so biased," one said, and another added, "The media is a business."

As for the Jews of Israel, they too were cause for surprise. One, who

goes to a predominantly Jewish high school, said he expected all the Jews in Israel to be Orthodox. Most said that until they visited Israel, they had never known any Jews who weren't rich. "My image was rich-Jew," one girl said.

Diplomatically, one described his Jewish contemporaries in Houston as "very conservative," implying that they were less than enthusiastic about promoting racial equality. In Israel, people are "still sympathetic to blacks and other minorities," they said.

If asked to describe them as a group, the three words "articulate, receptive" and "congenial" spring to mind. Of such things future presidents are made.

"DISTORTED coverage of the war in Lebanon by American TV has changed the perceptions of some Jews regarding Israel Jews and has caused an erosion of support among some Jewish leaders," says Rabbi Arnold Goodman, president of the 1,200-member Rabbinical Assembly of America, which is the organization of Conservative rabbis in the U.S.

Rabbi Goodman, whose Minneapolis congregation has 1,150 families, told *The Jerusalem Post* that American Jews have not been immune to the nightly view of alleged atrocities committed by Israeli forces in Lebanon. "People believe what they see on TV," says the rabbi, who accepts the Israel government's view that the Operation Peace for Galilee is a moral war and that the Israel Defence Forces is one of the most moral armies in the world.

He joins the chorus of Israelis and others in criticizing Israel's attempts to explain the operation, but adds that Israel is not completely responsible for its bad image.

"When Peace Now has a rally against the war, it is very well covered on American TV, but when hundreds of thousands came out later to demonstrate in support of the government, it received almost no coverage. It seems to the viewer

Eroded support

By JUDY SIEGEL-IZKOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

that the Israeli public is against the war, and that a few hawks in the government are pursuing it against their will," he maintains.

DURING THE recent convention of the (Reform) Central Conference of American Rabbis, U.S. TV gave intensive coverage to a resolution introduced to censure Israel — even though it was not passed. "Some people have been extremely critical of Israel for quite a while, but they didn't have an issue — until now," says Rabbi Goodman. He adds that many American Jews are ignorant of the facts, of the suffering of the northern settlements from PLO shelling and the actual number of civilian casualties caused by this war.

While he understands the view that Diaspora Jews should be free to criticize Israeli policies because

"Israel has made itself the representative of the Jewish People," he personally would not voice criticism publicly.

Goodman owns an apartment in Jerusalem, and visits at least once a year. One of his sons has attended yeshiva and served in the army in the *hesder* (Tora study plus army duty) arrangement. The son identifies himself as religious and intends to remain in Israel.

The organization of Conservative rabbis is strongly opposed to any change in the Law of Return that would limit Jewishness to those born to a Jewish mother or converted according to Halacha, but threatening to cut off funds to Israel is not a proper response to contemplate, should such an amendment be passed. Large numbers of Conservative Jews are needed to create electoral realities here, he says.

He admits that most American Jews feel comfortable in America and don't see a reason to emigrate to Israel. But he is certain that the drop in aliyah and the increasing rates of assimilation and intermarriage in American Jewry are not a cause for hopelessness. "This is the Jewish corner of the world," he says, "and as long as it exists, there is hope."

PAYING THE PRICE OF LOVE

LETTER FROM LOS ANGELES / Tom Tugend

FEW TOPICS are likely to enliven a Hollywood cocktail party more than a juicy divorce suit or a record-breaking achievement, be it the most expensive movie ever made, the fastest mile run or the largest number of cars demolished in a chain accident.

By a stroke of good fortune and astute legal advice, the two subjects have been combined by the Sheikh Dena al-Fassi, who is asking for the modest sum of \$36 — a new American and world record — from her faithless Saudi husband.

The story goes back some years and might have been conceived by a hack studio writer plagiarizing generously from *A Thousand and One Nights* and a James Bond epic. It started in 1978 when the then 24-year old Sheikh Mohammed al-Fassi reportedly the brother-in-law of King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, popped up in California and decided to set up house in predominantly Jewish Beverly Hills. He brought with him his 19-year-old sheikha, a striking, sloop-eyed Italian beauty, and an unspecified part of his estimated \$66. fortune.

The sheikha peeled off \$2.4m. in cash, bought a 38-room mansion on fashionable Sunset Boulevard, and moved in with his retinue of servants and bodyguards.

Like many young couples, the al-Fassis set about redecorating their new home. They started out by painting the mansion pea green and planting plastic flowers on the lawns, which lured some of their neighbours.

Their annoyance turned to apoplexy when the al-Fassis installed a row of nude statues fronting Sunset Boulevard and playfully painted the genital organs in black. The curious came from miles to marvel and traffic ground to a halt along the thoroughfare.

The idyll came to an end on New Year's Day 1980, when arson ravaged the colourful mansion. Initial suspicion fell on the displeased neighbours, but subsequent arrests and confessions fingered the sheikha's chauffeur, who purportedly set the fire to cover the theft of \$500,000 in art objects (not including the nude statues). Also implicated was a prominent Beverly Hills plastic surgeon, who has pleaded no contest to receiving some of the stolen art.

A short time later, the disillusioned sheikha left Los Angeles and moved to Hollywood, Florida. For a while, he was joined by the sheikha, their four small children attended by 16 servants, as well as two more wives the sheikha took unto himself.

During the Florida interlude, the three women were ensconced on separate floors of the same hotel, according to the sheikha's flamboyant lawyer, Marvin Mitchelson. "The sheikha tried to live with all three," Mitchelson explained. "He sort of moved around."

Most recently, the sheikha has been visiting the Bahamas, where lawyer Mitchelson tried to serve him with a support order on behalf of his client. Mitchelson arrived with 14 bodyguards, but was outnumbered and repelled by the sheikha's troops, which included many off-duty Nassau policemen.

The sheikha's divorce suit, meanwhile, is still wending its way through the sluggish California courts. Until it is settled, she must struggle along on a monthly support payment of \$75,000.

LOS ANGELES, which changes its make-up as often as a Hollywood starlet, honoured two of its most venerable landmarks last month.

The city's Jewish and civic leaders paid tribute to Wilshire Boulevard Temple, which celebrated the 120th anniversary of its beginning. Founded as Congregation B'nai Brith barely a decade after the arrival of the first handful of German Jews during the Gold Rush era, the temple is now the second-largest Reform congregation in America, with 2,600 members.

Joining in the *simcha* was the U.S. Department of the Interior, which officially designated the present temple building, opened in 1929, as an historical landmark.

The second landmark honoured was the temple's senior rabbi, Dr. Edgar F. Magnin, who has led the congregation for 67 consecutive years.

Now a feisty and energetic 91, Rabbi Magnin shrugged off any thought of early retirement. However, the temple board announced last month that Harvey J. Fields, currently senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, Canada, has been appointed as associate rabbi.

Rabbi Fields, 46, will assume his new duties in midsummer, joining Rabbi Alfred Wolf, who has served as Dr. Magnin's associate rabbi for 30 years.

TWO JEWISH communities, separated by the San Francisco Bay, have announced plans to merge their newspapers in

September.

The weekly *San Francisco Jewish Bulletin*, with a circulation of 17,000, will link up with the semi-monthly *Jewish Observer of the East Bay*, which has some 5,000 readers.

The *East Bay*, which includes the city of Oakland and the university community of Berkeley, has a Jewish population of 33,000. Some 75,000 Jews live in San Francisco. By combining the two publications, leaders of both areas hope to expand the news staff and coverage, attract new readers and increase advertising revenue.

A NEW edition of *Jewish Los Angeles — A Guide*, describing the history and multi-faceted activities of the world's second-largest Jewish

community, has been published this month under the ambitious motto, "Everything Jewish Under the Sun!"

Included in the 184-page volume is a full listing of Jewish organizations, institutions, agencies, kosher stores, restaurants and synagogues, as well as special sections for senior citizens and the handicapped.

Readers can also find a directory of Jewish musicians and entertainers for weddings, artists to design marriage certificates, and a portfolio of 75 photographs.

Helpful for tourists are suggested tours of Jewish Los Angeles and coloured maps pinpointing past and present landmarks.

Copies of the guide, at \$5.95 each, may be ordered from the Jewish Federation Council, 6505 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 414, Los Angeles, CA 90048.

The bustle is back

By ALINE MOSBY/Paris

LEG O'MUTTON sleeves, bustles and all, the Victorian era has returned in the fall-winter collection of Yves Saint Laurent.

His big new jacket featuring is being knocked off in Hong Kong as you read this. It has a nipped-in waist with a short peplum, leg o'mutton sleeves (puffy at the upper arm) and lapels, usually in velvet.

That sleeve showed up on a lime green flared jacket in leather over a dark green velvet skirt. On velvet jackets over dresses or short evening skirts. On taffeta jackets over full-skirted mid-cau evening dresses with strapless tops. Sometimes the sleeve was only elbow length.

On long, very theatrical evening gowns, the sleeves grew to the size

of giant balloons that would not pass the eating or getting through doorways tests. Beautiful bustles perched atop back fullness on evening gowns that would never pass the sit-down test.

The audience never stopped applauding. It particularly responded to a brown velvet gown with the leg o'mutton sleeves and copper taffeta ruffles around the hem and forming the bustle. All very 19th century.

Saint Laurent also re-played his belhop jacket from last year in the long parade of suits that marked the suit as the big fashion for both day and evening wear. Like other designers, he also stressed the little short black evening dress.

Another trend from the No. 1 fashion designer in the world was the mixing of colours.

ONLY A few suits appeared on the runway of the Intercontinental Hotel last week in one colour. While other shows this week narrowed in on black and gray, Saint Laurent, like an artist, used at least four offbeat bright colours for one outfit.

Delighted audience

DANCE / Dora Sowden

CLOSE ON 5,000 people roared their delight at Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem on Tuesday night, when the Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre had its Israel premiere. The company must have taken 20 curtain calls and had to add a section to *Revelations* as an encore before the audience would let them go.

Ailey had said that he had chosen works that would suit the venue's wide stage and at a press conference had remarked that his aim was "art and entertainment." The programme certainly had both, especially in three of Ailey's own works: *Night Creature*, *Cry* (a brilliant solo by Donna Wood) and *Revelations*.

The fourth work, choreography by Billy Wilson to George Gershwin's *Concerto in F*, though not up to the Ailey level, was also danced with that particular Ailey style, which has made the company famous. It was a glamorous night.

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Motorola tangling with Iturit

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A hot electronic war is brewing between Motorola Israel, manufacturers of communications equipment, and several paging-service companies.

At a press tour of Iturit, one of the paging-service companies, managers Menahem Hirsberg and Paul Rotenstreich complained bitterly that Motorola Israel had threatened to stop servicing their equipment.

They explained that the threats had come because they had decided, for commercial reasons, not to buy all of their equipment from Motorola Israel.

They claimed that although they bought over \$2.5 million worth of equipment from Motorola Israel during the past two and a half years, Motorola was not giving this equipment the service it had promised.

As a result of the threats and the poor service, Iturit will now stop buying equipment from Motorola Israel, they said.

The managers admitted that they had started buying similar Motorola equipment from abroad because it was cheaper than the local products. They have also started to import communications equipment from the Johnson company, which has given Iturit the sole agency for their products in Israel.

Hanan Achsaf, an assistant general manager of Motorola told *The Jerusalem Post* that the "war" between Motorola and Iturit had erupted because Iturit wanted to be both a customer of Motorola's and a direct competitor. He said that they had explained to Iturit that they would have to choose between the two.

Iturit, said Achsaf, had found a loophole in the import laws and had

started importing used Motorola equipment from different parts of the world, which they bought at discount prices and sold here at a good profit. Achsaf said that besides competing with his firm's products, Iturit was harming an Israeli firm which could thereby be forced to lay off workers.

He said the loophole in the law had since been rectified and that it was now illegal to import such equipment.

Now they were importing "new, second-hand" Motorola equipment, Achsaf said. He called this another loophole, since the equipment is new but it is bought from a second source.

In retaliation, Motorola Israel would henceforth sell them equipment, and service it, but it would no longer give them the "preferred status" they, along with other big buyers, have enjoyed until now.

For 25 million dollars

Kibbutz Artzi buys up most of Rassco Tower

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rassco announced yesterday that it has concluded an agreement with Tekon, the economic company of Hakibbutz Ha-artzi for the sale of nearly all of the space in Rassco Tower, now being constructed on the corner of Tel Aviv's Frisch and Dubnov Streets.

Rassco tower, when completed, will be a skyscraper on a par with Shalom Tower. Rassco has left for itself some 3,000 square metres.

The consideration for the transaction is \$25 million, making this the largest real estate deal of the year.

Rassco Tower is to be completed within three years and the sellers will be paid in accordance with the various stages of completion. Rassco received \$10m. on account at the time of the signing of the agreement.

Following the announcement, trading in Rassco shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange was halted.

Wine grape harvest to start in Rishon and Zichron

By YAACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The wine grape harvest will start next week — on Sunday in the Rishon LeZion area and on Wednesday in the Zichron Ya'acov region. The growers are all members of the Carmel Mizrahi vintners' cooperative. The director of the cooperative's Zichron cellar, Amram Surasky, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that this year's vintage will be particularly good because there were few plant diseases.

This was due to the relatively dry winter, and especially because the cooperative had decided to raise the basic sugar content requirement of the grapes by 1 per cent to 19 per cent this year, which would substantially improve vintage quality.

The higher sugar requirement makes it necessary to give the grapes an extra week to ripen in the

sun, and the harvest will therefore last longer than usual this year, until the end of October.

In the Zichron area the harvest will total an estimated 19,500 tons, similar to last year's yield, Surasky said. The price the growers will receive for their grapes is still under discussion with the Agriculture Ministry.

The Zichron cellar will employ dozens of Technion and Haifa University students to help with the intensive work during the harvest season, when they are on holiday. This is particularly fortunate, as there are practically no unemployed registered in Zichron who could be mobilized.

For Halachic reasons, only Jews are permitted to work in the cellar handling the grapes and wine. In the vineyards, the actual picking is carried out mainly by Arab villagers from the vicinity and there is no labour shortage there either.

After seven years of terror

Lebanese fishermen go back to nets

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Commercial fishing in southern Lebanon starts today in an orderly fashion after over seven years of "catch-as-catch-can" under the terrorists.

According to the agreement reached between the Israel Defence Forces and the Lebanese fishing authorities, Lebanese fishermen will be allowed to fish up to 2 km. from shore during daylight. The Sidon fishermen's boats — about 120 — will be painted white, and those from Tyre — about 90 — bright yellow.

About 1,000 families in these two

towns make a living from fishing.

Eitan Yisraeli, who was head of civilian affairs at the unit for aid to Lebanon told *The Jerusalem Post* that fishermen had told him that after the terrorists took over southern Lebanon seven years ago they disrupted normal fishing methods.

The method most popular with the terrorists and some of the fishermen was by throwing a hand-grenade into the water.

Fishermen told Yisraeli that they knew that this method endangered both themselves and the future of fishing as a livelihood. But they said they adopted this method under terrorist pressure.

New housing scheme near Kiryat Arba

KIRYAT ARBA (Itim). — The Housing Ministry is about to offer for sale 52 lots under the Build Your Own Home scheme on the Har Sinai Hill adjoining Kiryat Arba. Construction and Housing Minister David Levy said Tuesday.

Levy told the Kiryat Arba local council that 72 flats would also be built on the hill in two-storey buildings, and 15 cottages — all of which would soon be offered for sale.

A road is now being built connecting Kiryat Arba with the hill. A comprehensive high school is to be built in the town this year, and the ministry will help the council build other public buildings, the minister said.

Levy also announced that a plan is being studied for a new neighbourhood near Kiryat Arba. He promised to renovate the former Hadassah building in Hebron, so as to make it "a suitable habitation" for the families who have been residing there for the past few years.

GASES. — About \$2 million is being invested in expanding the Maxima plant in Mitzpe Ramon to increase production facilities by 50 per cent. The firm produces gases for use in industry, the defence system, and medical services.

Not all the mutual funds beat inflation in July

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Investors who bought a wide range of stocks during July succeeded almost as well as did the average mutual funds run by the best experts, according to Meitav, financial consultants.

Such investors obtained a 12.8 per cent return on their investments; the average of the 14 funds which specialized in stocks was 13.1 per cent. (Figures in this article have not been deflated.)

Meitav notes that only 50 of the 88 mutual funds had a "real" positive return in July, assuming that the cost-of-living index rose by 7.5 per cent in that month.

The company notes that the 10 largest funds, which hold 45.3 per cent of all monies in mutual funds, turned in an average return of only 6.4 per cent, which means they did not even keep pace with the index. Only three of the 10 did keep up with, or surpass, the index.

Of the 88 funds, 38 had negative results, i.e., less than 7.5 per cent, 20 had yields of 7.5 to 10 per cent, while 30 funds turned in yields of over 10 per cent.

The best results in July were turned in by the following funds (which specialize in stocks, or mainly in

stocks): Ronit, 26.3%; Shesek, 17.1%; Shoham, 16.6%; Comet, 15.2%; Odem, 14.9%; Shoval, 14.3%; Erez, 14.2%; Savoyon, 13.9%; Yehalom, 13.8%; and Hadas, 13.3%. Most of the funds specializing in foreign currency turned in negative results, as did all but one of those specializing in index-linked bonds.

During the first six months of 1982, when only 86 mutual funds existed, only five of them (all specializing in index-linked bonds), failed to turn in a positive yield, assuming that the index rose by 6.12 per cent in this period.

Of the remaining 81, 28 had yields of 6.12 per cent to 70 per cent; 40 between 70 to 90 per cent; four between 90 to 100 per cent; and nine passed the 100 per cent mark.

The 10 best funds turned in the following yields (most of them specialized in stocks): Savoyon, 180.3%; Ronit, 161.8%; Idith, 153.3%; Avika, 109.5%; Odem, 109.5%; Inbar, 108.7%; Erez, 108.4%; Kochav, 107.6%; Dekel, 103.2%; and Shesek, 97.8%.

During this same period, the worst returns were turned in by: Halamish, 38.8%; Sela, 59.1%; Mivtah, 60.1%; Tanish, 60.8%; Yevul, 61.1%; Tapuz, 61.2%; Tirosh, 61.7%; Leshem, 61.7%; Zohar, 62%; and Shamir, 62.2%.

U.S. firm buys into Techno-Instruments

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — First World Investments, of Jericho, New York, have purchased 40 per cent of Techno-Instruments, of Bat Yam. The sum paid is believed to be \$4 million.

Techno-Instruments was founded in Bat Yam in 1977 with three employees and annual exports of \$25,000. Now it employs 45 persons, and its projected exports in 1983 are \$5 million.

The company works for the metal finishing industry, and has developed the "Polar Technique" to improve the plating properties of various metals. Its customers include IBM, Reliable, ITT, Bendix, RCA, DCI, and Bell Telephone.

It began marketing its products in the U.S. some 18 months ago, and recently established its own company with technical service facilities

at Deer Park, Long Island. The plant is expected to be finished in about a year.

Techno-Instruments has also developed a Reference Colorimeter, which gives an objective analysis of colour, and is useful in medicine, textile, and other fields, including agriculture, where it is used to detect diseases in plants.

It has also developed two types of integrated speed regulators, to control fans, air conditioners, and industrial machinery, which are said to be far more sophisticated and cheaper to produce than competing products.

Another development is an electronic device which emits modulated current used to replace chemicals to kill bacteria in swimming pools. A modified version of this device can be used to treat skin defects.

New importer for Nike shoes

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — After heavy losses, Azam, importer and distributor of Nike, the American sport shoes, has changed hands.

Azam has transferred its rights to Yitzhak Shani and Yosef Diamant, owners of the Avnol shoe company. Diamant and Shani have formed a new firm, Adan Marketing Company, that will be the sole distributors of Nike. Diamant and Shani will hold 50 per cent of the shares of this new company, while the remaining 50 per cent will be in the hands of the owners of Azam.

Yitzhak Sokolov, general manager of Avnol who will also be the general manager of Adan, said that Nike shoes will not be sold in the Avnol chain of stores, so as not

to compete with the private sporting goods shops which have been carrying Nike.

He promised that the price will now be lower because the shoes will be sold direct from the importer to the stores without any further middleman. Adan will initiate recommended retail prices.

Leumi clients to use Lloyds' ATM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bank Leumi's branch in England with five banks in London has signed an agreement with Lloyds bank enabling Bank Leumi clients in England to use Lloyds' 1,200 automated teller machines (ATM) located throughout England.

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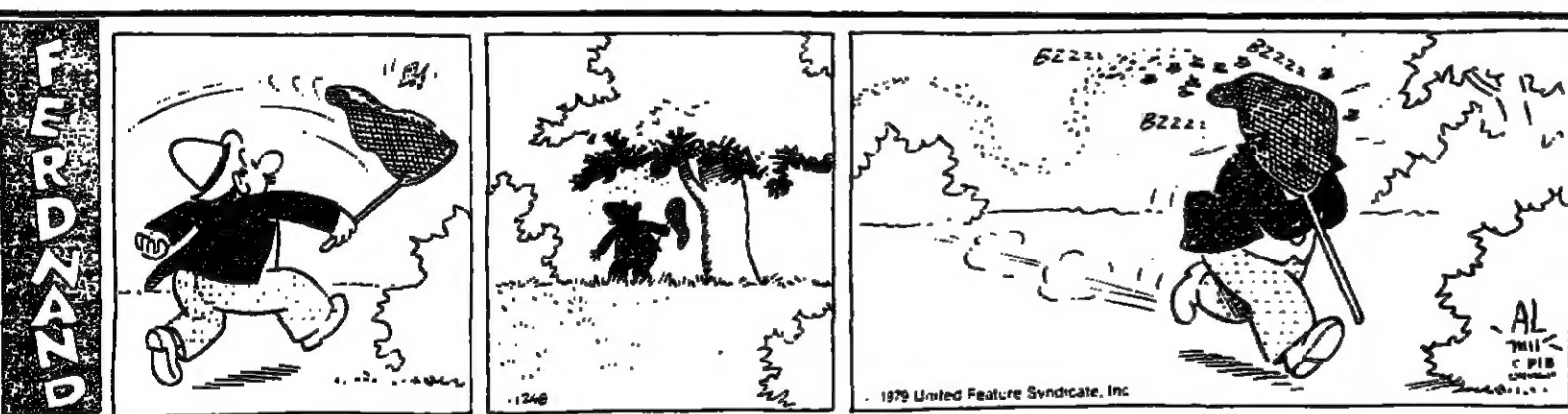
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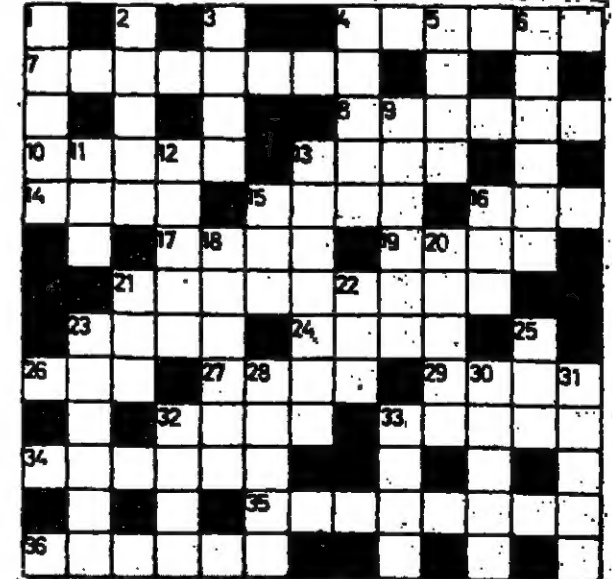
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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC PUZZLE ACROSS

- 4 Lax as misers may be (6)
- 7 In which to drink to an 'ealthy family' (8)
- 8 Flash fellow? (6)
- 10 Cry and die (5)
- 13 Rear in fine fashion (4)
- 14 They're much picked in certain gardens (4)
- 15 Improve people a lot (4)
- 16 Point to me with a cry (3)
- 17 Four or seven, maybe (4)
- 19 Name of Abraham Lincoln, initially? (4)
- 21 Like a heavenly career in certain newspapers? (9)
- 23 Manager eyed crookedly? (4)
- 24 A good man hidden by the Demon King (4)
- 26 We start building a trap (3)
- 27 Somewhat ravaged by time? (4)
- 29 Noted dam in the Netherlands (4)
- 32 Film boss? (4)
- 33 The quality Edgar can show (5)
- 34 Where an industrious type embraces a girl (6)
- 35 Island food? (8)
- 36 Makes claims that are by no means pointless (6)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



- 12 Beasts in a ship in a wild sea (5)
- 13 Recommended putting money into a plant (7)
- 15 Garment for mother to see (3)
- 16 He gives a Carmelite heart (3)
- 18 Replacement from Germany (6)
- 20 Might he possibly break bread? (5)
- 21 Mobile gang? (3)
- 22 Stick an article out of the way (3)
- 23 Deprived of the beer split over one's feet (6)
- 25 Was obliged to be put in the shade (3)
- 28 Yours is as good as mine (5)
- 30 Vi takes dad out for him (5)
- 31 A little drink, though it's not meant to be (5)
- 32 The sort of stockings for a counsel? (4)
- 33 Actors may look up to them (4)

EASY PUZZLE ACROSS

- 4 Unhappiness (6)
- 7 Shelled creature (8)
- 8 Assimilate food (6)
- 10 Pass on (5)
- 13 Prong (4)
- 14 Shout (4)
- 15 By mouth (4)
- 16 Everything (3)
- 17 Girl's forename (4)
- 19 Prepare for publishing (4)
- 21 Foretold (9)
- 23 Duty list (4)
- 24 Facial feature (4)
- 26 Get married (3)
- 27 Hurried (4)
- 29 Irish Parliament (4)
- 32 Flock (4)
- 33 Stage remark (5)
- 34 Mock (6)
- 35 Noise reducer (8)
- 36 Stems (6)

- DOWN**
- 1 Tale (5)
 - 2 Decoration (5)
 - 3 Angular (4)
 - 4 TV, Press, etc (5)
 - 5 Herb (4)
 - 6 Outcome (6)
 - 9 Creeks (6)
 - 11 Fish (3)
 - 12 Wide awake (5)
 - 13 Schooled (7)
 - 15 Aged (3)
 - 16 Help (3)
 - 18 Rented out (6)
 - 20 Acts (5)
 - 21 Seed vessel (3)
 - 22 Fish (3)
 - 23 Say again (6)
 - 25 Concealed (3)
 - 28 Iron (5)
 - 30 Letter (5)
 - 31 Acquire knowledge (5)
 - 32 Large mound (4)
 - 33 Summit (4)

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

DOWN

- 1 Make progress for a time (5)
- 2 Music providing an ultimate opus (5)
- 3 Overcharge in a way that's obviously steep (4)
- 4 Shakespeare character in The Sweeney? (5)
- 5 A she horse (or a sea one?) (4)
- 6 Tool for demolishing hoves? (6)
- 9 Decree how to make an inroad (6)
- 11 Steal from Roy? (3)

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS. — 1. Busby, 6. Shock, 9. Regatta, 10. Lupin, 11. Nippy, 12. Cramp, 13. Healthy, 15. Leg, 17. Urga, 18. Baffal, 19. Spear, 20. Crimes, 22. Fame, 24. Hen, 25. Pleased, 26. Tears, 27. Miser, 28. Silly, 29. Lamppost, 30. Shell, 31. Wary.

DOWN. — 2. Usurer, 3. Bride, 4. Yen, 5. Carry, 6. Stammer, 7. Hasp, 8. Cudgel, 12. Chaps, 13. Hunch, 14. Again, 15. Lamas, 16. Glued, 18. Balls, 19. Several, 21. Refresh, 22. Famine, 23. Medlar, 25. Props, 26. Tell, 28. Sow.

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS. — 1. Strap (hanger), 6. Gifts, 9. Follies, 10. Co-act, 11. Nippy, 12. Man-E-S, 13. Car-rer, 15. Jet, 17. Enid, 18. Canute, 19. Trill, 20. Lahore, 22. Sips, 24. O-R, 25. Car-lar, 26. Ga-vin, 27. Dig-it, 28. A-spice, 29. Benefit, 30. Sa-VE, 31. Rated.

DOWN. — 2. Tar-tan, 3. Afford, 4. Poi, 5. Clear, 6. General, 7. Is-S (rev.), 8. Tip-pet, 12. Metre, 13. Cell-O, 14. Right, 15. J-fa, 16. Tense, 18. Tenn, 19. Treated, 21. Africa (in vicer), 22. Siesta, 23. Praise, 25. Cider (rev.), 26. GI-be, 28. Air.

Lebanese to buy sugar, edible oils, in Israel

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The visiting delegation of 26 Lebanese businessmen were received at a business meeting yesterday by members of the Haifa Chamber of Commerce and the port management in the port.

Though the meeting was called to deal with the formal problems of trade between the two countries, a number of deals were finalized on

the spot for the sale of sugar, edible oils, and other foodstuffs to Lebanon, Arie Mehulal, director of the Chamber told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The Chamber will put office and telephone services, in French and English, at the disposal of interested Lebanese businessmen.

Port manager Moshe Haral told them that a special store for transit of goods they import from abroad, will be made available to them in the harbour at a reduced tariff.

From the warehouse, trucks will take the goods to their destinations in Lebanon.

Five large international forwarding firms in Haifa will deal with customs arrangements and transshipment formalities. The visitors were informed that the army will issue permits enabling them to come to Haifa from Lebanon in their own cars for business purposes.

One of the visiting businessmen, Jawad Abu Zahr, appealed to Israel to speed the interrogation and release of Lebanese men detained on suspicion of aiding the PLO, because they were needed for rebuilding the economy.

Oil reserve bill signed by Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Reagan signed legislation Tuesday to fill the nation's strategic petroleum reserve at an average rate of at least 220,000 barrels of oil a day.

He said the nation's vulnerability to interruptions of its oil supply already has been "significantly lessened."

"The reserve now contains more than 265 million barrels, an amount equal to more than six months of our imports from Arab OPEC countries, at our import rate over the past year," said a presidential statement released by the White House.

The bill signed by Reagan is called the National Energy Emergency Preparedness Act of 1982.

The Senate had wanted at least 300,000 barrels a day added to the strategic reserve, which is about the current rate. But the House voted to require about 200,000, which the Administration originally requested. The two houses compromised on the 220,000 figure.

Reagan had asked for a lower rate to hold down costs and avoid running out of prepared storage space.

Dagon minimizing risk of dust explosion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Dagon Silo Company is modernizing its dust extraction facilities to minimize still further the risk of dust explosions.

Dagon is investing \$400,000 in the project. The dust extracting and collecting machinery will be housed in a separate small dust silo built according to the latest recommendations of international safety agencies. The work will be completed at the end of the year, three years after planning began.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

August 4, 1982	IS
U.S. dollar	26.4000
British sterling	45.8278
German mark	10.7106
French franc	3.8487
Dutch guilder	9.7902
Swiss franc	12.9997
Swedish krona	4.2155
Norwegian krone	3.9678
Danish krone	3.0792
Finnish mark	5.5802
Canadian dollar	21.0500
Australian dollar	26.1511
South African rand	22.9375
Belgian franc (10)	5.6075
Austrian schilling (10)	15.2252
Italian lire (100)	1,018.72
Japanese yen (100)	73.65
Jordanian dinar	4.98
Lebanese lira	—

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The boom in the share market continued yesterday.

Among the volatile shares which moved by five per cent or more the winners held a 3 to 1 edge as 42 issues came through with advances. The newly debuted King shares came through with a sparkling 40.4 per cent gain. Modol industries, also a newcomer, was ahead by a moderate 25 per cent. Trading tur-

novers passed the IS450 million mark.

Index-linked bonds advanced by small margins in quiet trading.

The Israel shekel tried to stem the advance of the dollar but was unsuccessful and lost 11 agorot.

Among commercial bank shares there was selling pressure on the Maritime Bank group. The 0.1

Boom in shares continues

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

shares were unchanged but the 0.5 issue was down by nearly five per cent. Others in the sector advanced by the customary margins.

Insurance equities put on a

marked show of strength. Ararat 0.5 ripped ahead by 12.5 per cent. Phoenix 0.1 was a 10 per cent winner, while Aryeh gained 6.1 per cent.

Land development and real estate issues were mixed to higher. Neot Aviv carved out a 15 per cent advance.

Industrials were volatile and

moved to higher ground. Newcomer Gal industries 1.0 was up by 9.5 per cent. Man 5.0 was up by 7.3 per cent, while Assis advanced by 9.4 per cent. Maquette 0.1 was "sellers only," while the 0.5 shares were 10 per cent lower. Lachish Industries 1.0 was up by 10.1 per cent.

Investment company issues followed closely on the heels of the industrials and advanced smartly. In-coba was an 11 per cent gainer. The Pama shares were five per cent winners, but Piryon was unchanged.

FUND RATES

Aug. 5, 1982	Unit	Redemption
	Price	Price
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ADIR	367.40	366.95
ALMOG	206.94	200.84
ALON	1,480.52 (111,436.04)	—
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AVIV	757.05	749.60
AYUKA	319.55	313.44
BARAK	305.97	296.80
BARKEET	195.80	190.05
BDOLACH	894.51	888.04
BROSH	408.00	394.04
CALANIT	1,469.85	1,426.50
CASPI	161.22	158.04
DALIA	1,815.01	1,761.48
DEKEL	404.97	392.50
DOLEV	360.17	349.27
DUDEVAN	107.82	105.43
EGOZ	403.77	391.76
EITAN	275.82	267.20
KREZ	196.50	192.68
ESREL	402.35	390.38
ETROG	256.79	241.11
GALIT	184.75	180.64
GAVIDE	1,660.08	1,609.71
GIL	1,451.07	1,408.19
GUREN	582.60	566.77
GUY	106.76	104.25
HADAS	872.23	848.41
HAMAMISH	199.25	193.85
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SHAMAR	193.13	187.21
SHAKED	893.70	873.40
SHANOR	309.61	295.93
SHAVIT	178.79	168.66
SHENAV	394.30	385.64
SHFSEK	212.66	205.37
SHURA	388.18	386.68
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TRAZAR	568.23	561.73
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* Data not supplied (1) Ex dividend (2) Ex bonus (3) Ex dividend, ex bonus

ELSCINT LIMITED NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Haifa, July 26, 1982

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Elscint Limited will be held at the Company's offices at the Advanced Technology Center, Haifa, on August 26, 1982, at 9.00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- To receive and consider the Balance Sheet and Statement of Income of the Company and the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Income of the Company and its subsidiaries.
- To elect six directors for the coming year.
- To ratify the Company's Employee Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- To appoint auditors and fix their remuneration.
- To discuss any other business properly brought before the meeting.

Shareholders of record at the close of business on July 19, 1982 will be entitled to receive of and to vote at the meeting.

Shareholders who are unable to attend the meeting in person may complete and send to the Company a form of Proxy.

Joint holders of shares should take note that, pursuant to Article 57 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the vote of the senior of joint holders of any share who is present at the meeting or person or persons by whom the share will be represented at the meeting of the shareholders of the share, and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members.

AVRAHAM SUHAMI
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
HARVEY BURTON
Secretary

NOTE: A formal notice of the meeting with Proxy Statement and Form of Proxy is being mailed to each shareholder.

Closing price	Change	% change	Volume
181,000			
Commercial Banks & Banking			
IDB prf A	30000	+900	3.1
IDB prf B	26000	+22	9.9
IDB prf C	26000	+22	9.9
IDB prf D	7800	n.c.	1.1
IDB prf E	6200	+80	3.5
IDB prf F	40500	n.c.	3.8
IDB prf G	3800	+30	4.2
Union r	18900	+10	206.3
Union r 4	3000	n.c.	7.0
Union r 5	23500	+15	6.2
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Hassneh b	1147	n.c.
Hassneh op	1025	n.c.
Phoenix 0.1 r	1520	+139
Phoenix 0.5 r	864	+40
Yardenia 0.1 r	1980	n.c.
Yardenia 0.5 r	589	+19
Yardenia op 1	589	+2
Sahar r	4500	+40
Sahar b		
Securitas r	1715	+60
Zur r	730	n.c.
Zur b		
Zur op 1	1160	+15
Zion Hold. 1.0	435	+7
Zion Hold. 5.0	242	n.c.
Galei Zohar 1	1500	+8.0
Galei Zohar 5	1500	+8.0
Commercial Services & Utilities		
Delek r	2100	n.c.
Delek b	2280	n.c.
Delek db 2		
Harel op	340	+1
Harel b	545	n.c.
Dan Hotels 1.0	413	+12
Dan Hotels 5.0	382	+12
Cold Store 0.1 r	28900	n.c.
Cold Store 1.0 r	16250	+100
Electric r		
Lighterage 0.1	27070	n.c.
Lighterage 0.5 r		
Magor	1010	+70
Magor 0.5	606	n.c.
Magor op 1	650	+60
Magor 5.0	473	+33

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The final push?

ACCORDING to official Israeli statements, yesterday's advance in fierce fighting on three fronts of West Beirut still did not amount to the mooted all-out assault on the PLO strongholds in the Lebanese capital. No decision to launch any major offensive had been taken by the cabinet, and none was carried out. What took place yesterday was a "limited and controlled" Israeli response by land and sea, mostly, to violations of the cease-fire by the PLO terrorists.

Badgered on all sides, by the American media and by Secretary of State George Shultz as well, to explain the disproportionate nature of the Israeli response, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, now in the U.S., kept reiterating that Israel would welcome a restoration of the cease-fire, but that it all depended on the other side. In terms of the provocation, Mr. Shamir insisted, Israel's response was "insignificant."

Insignificant or not, Israel's series of what was described as counter-attacks did admittedly lead to a distinct improvement in its positions by the IDF. Acting without any specific warrant from the cabinet, the army was slowly but relentlessly dislodging the PLO from one neighborhood to another, and apparently aiming to drive a wedge between the northern and southern sections of West Beirut. This tactic was presumably designed to impress on Yasser Arafat that the only alternative to utter ruin was a quick decision by the PLO chieftain to take his troops out of West Beirut peacefully, by agreement with U.S. envoy Philip Habib.

Washington, however, took a dim view of the Israeli military response. The State Department claimed that the Israeli drive was not consistent with the principles of the cease-fire, that it hindered Ambassador Habib's mission and in all was unhelpful to the peace effort. And President Reagan asked for an end to the fighting, but also called on Arafat to quit Beirut immediately.

The impression was growing that Israel was taking deliberate initiative in the fighting, and that the claim of provocation would pretty soon have to be dispensed with. Defence Minister Ariel Sharon fed the suspicion when he told area commanders at the international airport — as was reported yesterday — that "we can no longer confine ourselves to the other party's methods."

The legitimacy of the Israeli initiative in the fighting will ultimately come to be judged by its efficacy. If the purpose was to indicate to Arafat that while the noose tightens, he still has a corridor of escape left him through Mr. Habib, then he should soon take advantage of it.

Sharon's other war

AS FOR THE current crisis in Galei Zahal, there would seem to be a very simple way out of it.

Let the Defence Forces radio station give up its ambition to serve as regular radio station for all the people, with only a specialized interest in military matters. Let it make do instead with the more modest role (and budget) of mouthpiece for the chief education officer, with an interest confined exclusively to entertainment and various aspects of army life and work.

Then there would be little danger that unorthodox political opinion might be aired by Galei Zahal, and the defence minister would have little cause to fear the subversion of the station by assorted "lefties" in reserve uniform.

But so long as Galei Zahal remains what it is, Mr. Sharon's attempted regimentation must be manfully resisted. It is, of course, entirely true, as the committee of journalists employed by Galei Zahal has pointed out, that the station, even as it is, is strictly non-political. That is how Kol Yisrael, too, is supposed to be. Neither station is expected to offer an exclusive forum for the propagation of any kind of political faith. But both are expected to reflect the diversity of Israeli opinion on public affairs.

That is why, contrary to the suggestion of the journalists' committee, it is wholly right and proper for the Knesset Education Committee to involve itself in what is going on in Galei Zahal. Especially since Mr. Sharon, not satisfied with firing a programme host who suggested, after Yitzhak Rabin, that West Beirut might, just might, present a *plonier*, has even dismissed from his post a programme editor who merely, in his private capacity, signed an anti-war protest. This latter kind of vindictiveness would in fact be intolerable even if Galei Zahal were nothing but the technical radio division of the Israel Defence Forces.

REAGAN IS 'FURIOUS'

(Continued from Page One)
Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger, National Security Adviser William Clark and the top U.S. military and intelligence leadership. Reagan was fully briefed late Tuesday night before he went to sleep and at 6:10 a.m., Washington time. There clearly was a crisis atmosphere at the White House and the State Department.

The administration was being deliberately fuzzy in discussing its possible next steps. Pointedly, it refused to address the possibility that new military or economic sanctions against Israel might be imposed.

"We will not get into specifics," Speaker said. "We will not address that. Any steps we take in the Middle East will be in the pursuit of peace, you can be assured."

Speakers refused to say whether Israel or the PLO had been the first to break the latest cease-fire. He said the U.S. government "historically" finds "it very difficult to make (such) assessments from this distance."

On Monday, Reagan read a formal statement to Shamir at their White House meeting warning that the future course of U.S.-Israeli relations would be affected by an Israeli invasion of West Beirut. This was similar to a Reagan message to Begin delivered last month.

The president did not say exactly how the relationship would be affected, but one White House official yesterday predicted that the U.S. would come down very hard on Israel. He speculated that Washington might suspend arms deliveries to Israel and support a new UN Security Council resolution condemning Israel.

A Jewish leader quoted an Administration official as saying: "You better hold your breath and hope this isn't the start of the invasion."

Shamir, appearing yesterday on ABC's "Good Morning America," denied that the latest Israeli actions represented the start of the long-awaited drive against PLO strongholds in West Beirut. He cal-

led yesterday's military action "insignificant."

But the fighting in West Beirut dominated the headlines here yesterday. The major U.S. television networks showed film of Israeli tanks, other armour and bulldozers moving about a mile beyond the Green Line separating East and West Beirut.

Neither the White House nor the State Department would discuss special U.S. envoy Philip Habib's plans. It was clear, however, that Habib was still in Beirut, waiting for the fighting to ease before resuming his diplomatic activities.

Speakers said that Habib will remain in the Middle East as long as he believes that his efforts can still be "helpful."

Since the fighting erupted in Lebanon on June 6, the U.S. has made two specific decisions designed to underscore its opposition to the Israeli actions. In June, the Administration delayed submitting to Congress formal notification of yet another F-16 fighter aircraft sale to Israel — as had been scheduled. Last week, it suspended cluster bomb deliveries to Israel.

On Capitol Hill yesterday, there was widespread criticism of Israel. Several members accused Israel of defying Reagan's request to give Habib more time. Republican Senator Charles Mathias of Maryland, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, was especially bitter in lashing out against Israel for the latest fighting.

"We have to be cognizant of the fact that this has been done with American weapons, and to some extent with American money," he said. "If this continues, despite the urgent request of the President of the U.S. — President Reagan had made such a representation to the Israeli Foreign Minister — then I think we will have to look at those provisions of American law which say that this equipment was provided for the defence of Israel, and to make some judgement whether the shelling of Beirut is an act of defending Israel."

Habib under siege

By TOM BALDWIN
Beirut



Philip C. Habib. (David Rubinger)

AMERICAN SPECIAL mediator Philip C. Habib rarely moves more than a few hundred metres from his own walled redoubt in Beirut. He has been living most of the summer in the scenic mountainside home of American Ambassador Robert Dillon.

Habib ventures out only to meet with Lebanese officials. Otherwise, he holds his own court inside the plush home. Except for the nearby outgoing and incoming artillery blasts, he might be living in a comfortable airy homestead in the hills of Southern California.

Habib says virtually nothing to the press. The same goes for the rest of the U.S. diplomats here. "He gave us the word a long time ago," recalled one American: "Keep your big mouths shut."

For security reasons, there are only two places Habib can go. He visits Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, whose own home is a 50-second drive further up the mountain, or he can take the 30-second drive down the winding road, excavated in some spots and shelled by others, to the presidential palace.

Habib always rides in a bullet-proof limousine, which rolls along behind an armoured sedan and is trailed by a four-wheel-drive vehicle packed with Lebanese and American security men poking submachine-guns out the windows.

Habib was born in 1920, the son of a Lebanese immigrant to New York. His original last name was Habib Mahanna. He can converse in Arabic, but negotiations are conducted in French. The retired

career diplomat does not trust his own mastery of French, so his translator of record is political attaché Richard Barrett, who spent his childhood in France.

Habib makes a point of meeting Lebanese officials at the presidential palace or Sarkis's home. Former Lebanese politicians and current militia leaders who hold no government titles, but have a vital role in the negotiations, come to Dillon's residence to call on the American.

THE ATTEMPTED coup in Kenya, which was crushed by the government on Sunday, has tarnished Kenya's image as one of the few black African nations firmly under civilian rule. It has also imperilled one of the few allies the United States has in East Africa.

Disident groups are increasingly identifying U.S. military aid — seen by the U.S. as vital to maintaining its presence in the Indian Ocean — as a major prop for a government which they describe as corrupt and dictatorial.

On a continent where revolution is a common way of changing political leaders and military dictatorship is an accepted form of government, Kenya has stood out during 19 years of independence as an example of what the West would like to create in Africa. The only previous military uprising was a brief army mutiny for higher pay in 1964.

Britain, the former colonial power, and later the U.S., poured in aid to bolster Kenya's free-enterprise economy. Tourism boomed in the game parks. Nationalist leader Jomo Kenyatta, the first president, avoided ideology and set about improving living standards. Elections were held freely and regularly.

WHEN KENYATTA died in 1978, Daniel arap Moi, then vice president, succeeded him according to the constitution, thus strengthening the reputation of Kenyans as West-leaning pragmatists able to submerge tribal and social differences. The corruption that tainted Kenyatta's last years was swept aside and Kenya seemed to be heading for a new era of stability and prosperity. Moi freed about a dozen

detainees and made Kenya possibly the only African country at the time to have no political prisoners.

The attempted coup by junior air force officers, however, has demonstrated how far Kenya has moved in other directions in the past four years. Rebel broadcasts charged that the economy was in such a shambles that many among the 16 million Kenyans could no longer afford basic food, housing and transport.

Difficulties began to pile up for Moi in his first months as president when world prices plunged for coffee, Kenya's major export commodity. Kenya's economy began a contracting spiral that is still continuing.

Then Moi — a member of a minority ethnic group who lacks a national tribal power base — was faced with grumbling from the dominant Kikuyu, who mourned their tribal leader, Kenyatta.

Moi managed to juggle tribal balances and build up a core of advisers loyal to him. His motto was "Peace, Love and Unity." But six months ago, with economic and political pressures mounting, Moi turned to authoritarian measures.

Inflation was running at 16 per cent a year. The Labour Ministry said the economy, burdened with the highest rate of population growth in the world — about 4 per cent — was losing at least 200 jobs a week. And top-level corruption was visibly increasing at a time when most people's incomes were declining. Then, when former leftist vice-

HABIB NEVER goes to the PLO-held West Beirut and deals with Moslem leaders there mostly by telephone. His most obvious difficulty is the fact that American foreign policy forbids talking to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan serves as the conduit to the PLO and Yasser Arafat. American diplomats say privately this situation delays progress. It also can be exploited by both sides whenever they want to stall.

"It is crazy in a way to have Habib asking Wazzan, 'Well, is that what Arafat means?' Or for the Israelis to ask for a clarification on a PLO point. It might take three days to get a response," said another U.S. diplomat.

There were reports in the Beirut press on Tuesday that Habib was becoming frustrated, and might even go home, convinced neither side is willing to bargain forthrightly.

"As long as he's here on the ground, there is hope. If he quits, everyone better duck," said an American diplomat working at the ambassador's residence.

Habib can be earthy and abrupt. He has fashioned a friendship with former prime minister Saeb Salam, a charming, cigar-waving veteran of numerous political wars, who is said by insiders at the residence to delight Habib with an arsenal of off-colour jokes.

Once, when Ambassador Dillon installed a special telephone line enabling embassy employees to call their families in the U.S., an

Kenya's troubles multiply

By ANDREW TORCHIA
Nairobi

president Oginga Odinga appeared set to establish a second political party. Moi pushed a law through parliament making his Kenya African National Union the country's only legal party.

He also sent into detention without trial six university teachers accused of being Marxists, along with John Khaminwa, a prominent black lawyer who defended detainees, George Anyona, a radical populist legislator, and a former intelligence chief who was said to have hoarded arms. A journalist was jailed after conviction of possessing anti-government pamphlets, and Lomho, the British-based multi-national company, dismissed the editor of a Lomho newspaper who condemned detentions as undemocratic.

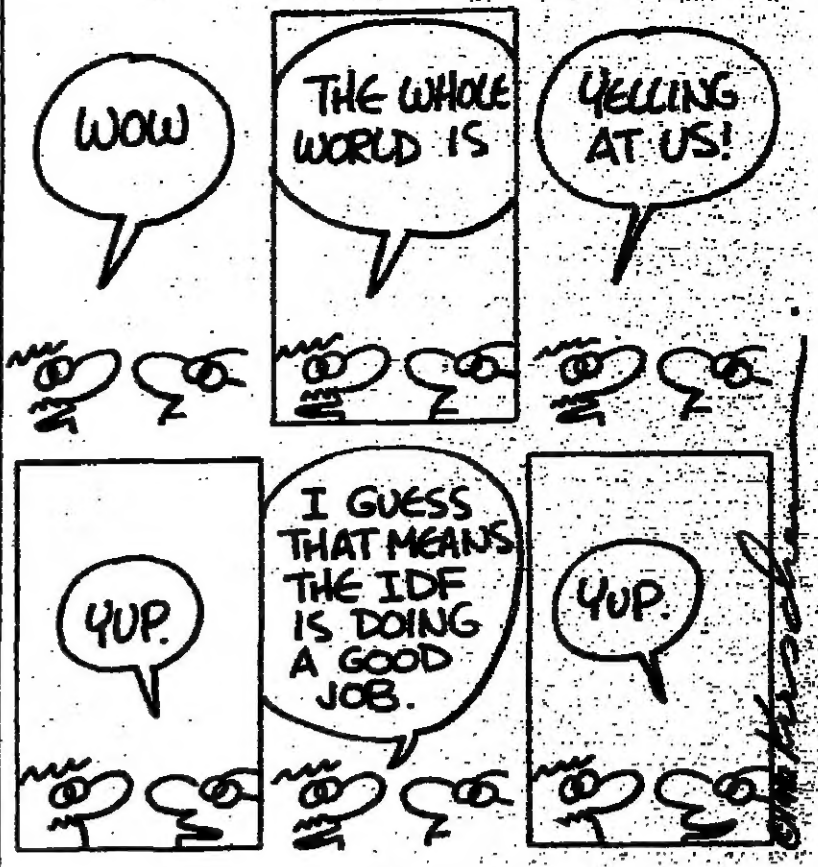
THE MOOD of the country deepened.

"I have Africans talking treason to me twice a week," said a white Kenyan businessman who asked to remain anonymous. "I have never seen it like this."

A London-based group called the Committee for the Release of Political Prisoners in Kenya, believed to include opposition Kenyans who have fled into exile, criticized U.S. military support for the Moi government in a pamphlet distributed abroad.

The U.S. has provided Kenya with weapons and a promise of

Dry Bones



eavesdropping diplomat overheard Habib apparently calling his wife. "For all that's on his mind these days," the eavesdropper said, "his biggest concern seemed to be one of his kids who's buying a house. Habib was ranting that the kid had a lousy lawyer."

More than once, aides have

found Habib standing alone in the ambassador's garden, hands behind his back, staring out over the smoking ruins of West Beirut.

"He can raise hell with all of us, a real loud, forceful guy. But if I didn't know better, sometimes I would take him for a mediator," a diplomat said. (Associated Press)

in commerce every day that the stores were closed.

Sadru Meji, whose onyx jewelry shop was looted in a downtown luxury hotel, said the invaders took goods valued at \$200,000, about half his stock.

Meji and thousands of fellow businessmen of Indian and Pakistani descent, dominate retail activity in Kenya. And many Asians seemed stunned by the mobs of blacks that swept out of Nairobi's Mathare Valley slum on Sunday, ransacking houses in a racially-mixed area but leaving black-occupied houses intact.

RECENTLY, Moi blamed corruption and the general economic decline on the Asian community. He accused them of smuggling and hoarding, and said he would renew the purges that sent tens of thousands of Asians out of Kenya in the 1960s when businessmen were called upon to transfer ownership to blacks.

Kenya and the U.S. are already disputing Kenya's declared intention of scrapping a bilateral agreement under which the U.S. government's Overseas Private Investment Corporation insures American investors against risks of doing business in Kenya.

The disagreement arose last year over the export of dividends from Kenya by a U.S. company, and threatens the security of some \$315m. of U.S. investments in the country.

"That was the last straw for some U.S. investors — the coup just adds to it," a Western diplomat said. "Kenya's ace in the hole was its stability. Now the assessment of political risk has to be changed." (The Associated Press)

READERS' LETTERS

THE TEMPLE MOUNT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Your denigration of those Jews who want to pray on the Temple Mount (your editorial of July 30) is reminiscent of the attitude of some of our leaders during the War of Liberation in 1948.

Fifteen years ago, Israel liberated the Old City, and all Jerusalem, from Arab occupation. Yet the Temple Mount has remained a Moslem enclave, enjoying full autonomy. Though all Jerusalem is at last, after 2000 years of dreams and prayers, under Israel sovereignty, the Temple Mount has been surrendered to the violently anti-Zionist Supreme Moslem Council, the WAQF. A Jew is not permitted to worship at Judaism's most sacred site; he is even prevented from entering the Temple Mount area if he is wearing a kippa or carrying a Sidur.

The Western Wall is at best an open-air synagogue, a moment of our exile, a temporary solace when the Temple Mount was beyond our reach.

This blatant discrimination against Jews, in our capital, besides being morally repugnant, is in direct violation of Israel's Proclamation of Independence, the Law for the protection of the Holy Places and judgements by Israel's High Court of Justice.

"The Faithful of the Temple Mount," P.O. Box 5675, Jerusalem, is a legally constituted, officially registered organization which is striving to achieve and ensure freedom of access to and worship on the Temple Mount. This is the essence of Zionism. There cannot be full redemption of the People and Land of Israel as long as the Temple Mount is ruled by an alien power.

GERSHON SALOMON Chairman, STANLEY GOLDFOOT, International Dept., The Faithful of the Temple Mount Jerusalem.

NO SHAME — ONLY RELIEF

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was prompted to write this letter after having read Helga Duveen's letter to you of July 26, "Lasting stain."

I'm sorry she wasn't in Kiryat Shmuna for the past 14 years, never knowing when a Katyusha attack would occur. I'm sorry she wasn't in Ma'alot, Nahariya, or Misgav Am's baby house. I'm sorry she wasn't my neighbour. I'm sorry she didn't run with her baby to the shelter in the middle of the night.

I find it hard to believe that another country would not take military action under these circumstances. The world wants Israel to be a martyr; when we refuse, we are cast as the militaristic villains.

I personally feel a sense of relief knowing those Katyushas, 40 of which can be fired in seconds, are no longer aimed at us. I certainly feel no shame.

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DESAPARECIDOS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — New immigrants who have recently arrived from Argentina include families of desaparecidos — young Jews who were kidnapped by the security forces of the Argentine military junta during the years 1976-78 and who disappeared without trace. These families have now organized a committee to centralize information on the subject and channel requests for help in ascertaining the fate of their children, husbands and brothers to anybody ready and able to help in this quest.

Parents, wives and siblings of the desaparecidos are requested to get in touch with the undersigned, who is the coordinator of the committee, at P.O.B. 2100, Rehovot.

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TIME TO RESCUE ZIONISM

single one of the wider war aims — the destruction of the PLO, the expulsion of the Syrians from Lebanon, the setting up of a puppet government in Beirut — has yet been attained.

Then there is the "heavy price" which Mr. Dulzin acknowledges. But the price is not just to be reckoned in dollars or our dead and seriously wounded. There are also the thousands of dead and wounded among Lebanese civilians and Palestinian refugees (the latter group hardly mentioned by the government as existing). But of course these non-Jewish dead and homeless, the destruction of cities and the damage to our moral credibility are not prices in Mr. Dulzin's final reckoning book. They are simply evidence of the "slandorous campaign of the media."

Mr. Dulzin's final ringing appeal is for his Diaspora audience to "search their souls" and "make aliyah," at this "Israel's difficult but also her finest hour." "Difficult," without doubt; "finest," most certainly not. Many Israelis — old and new — already fear that this will come to be seen as one of the more tragic rather than finest hours in the history of Zionism. And it is doubly tragic that the leader of the official

world Zionist movement is now just a messenger boy for Revisionism, an ideology up to a few years ago marginal to this history.

I am aware, of course, that the judgement of marginality depends upon how we read this (already being rewritten) history. So too does my assumption that what is happening today — not just in Lebanon, but the daily demagoguery, religious coercion, mysticism, intolerance, bigotry — is just a perversion, a degeneration of the original ideals brought by the dreamers of the First Aliya exactly a century ago.

Certain types of potential olim, no doubt, will be attracted by Mr. Dulzin's patronizing agitprop — and they will, no doubt, find their places in today's Israel. For the rest of us, the only positive result of such proclamations will be some "soul searching" about the nature of Zionism in the aftermath of the invasion of Lebanon. The challenge is to continue living here despite Begin and Sharon, to come and live here despite the World Zionist Organization. Now, while there is still something left of the idea, is the time for establishing an alternative Zionist movement.

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